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WITHOUT REPARATION, PEACE IMPOSSIBLE, LI. GEORGE'S DEFINITE DECLARATION

ENTENTE TO SEND ANOTHER LIST OF CLAIMS TO GREECE

Draft of New Ultimatum Prepared; Presentation Is Imminent

PRESS ASK ACTION

Saying Position Impossible, Urge Vigorous Measures To Terminate It

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 19.—Reuter's Agency learns that the draft of a new ultimatum to Greece has been settled and its presentation is imminent.

Athens, December 18.—The situation is uncertain. The Entente diplomatists are exchanging views regarding a second Note.

The press describes the situation as impossible and urges the Government to take vigorous measures to terminate it.

Say Venizelos Blinded Allies with Indignation

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

Berlin, December 14.—(delayed).—The paper Corriere della Sera reports from Athens that it must warn against the British and French lies about Greece, since they completely misrepresent the facts and are caused by a blind indignation over Venizelos. The attitude of the Entente, the arrival of French sailors at Athens, the sharp proceedings against the Greek authorities, the expulsion of the Ministers of the Central Powers and, finally, the occupation of the Zappeion, have produced the greatest indignation.

In Athens, the people were convinced that the Entente meant to capture the King, in order to replace him by Venizelos. When the first shot was fired, the inhabitants of Athens began to construct barricades around the castle. Even women took part in this work, while prominent men filled their pockets with cartridges and fired against the French.

King Constantine telegraphed to the British King and the King of Italy, that a plot had been laid against him, in order to bring about the downfall of the monarchy on December 1. The King added that he had proofs of this affirmation.

The Greek Captain who captured Katerini is now standing with 5,000 men on the line Katerini-Botbotzko, which means that the French line of Psoes (?) has been pierced. Fighting is going on north of Katerini, between Greek regulars and the French.

According to official reports which have reached Berlin, the German, Austro-Hungarian and Turkish subjects residing in the Greek island of Syra have been arrested by Entente detachments, which landed there. The German Consul died 23 hours later, in consequence of the abominable treatment he received. He was a 70-year-old Greek citizen, named Dallegio and had been in the German service for 33 years.

On a former occasion, Entente detachments similarly treated the German Consul Ornstein in Chios, who is 73 years old. He was captured by the Entente and carried off during the night.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang Urges Gambling Prohibition

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, December 20.—There was a meeting of Cantonese officials and members of Parliament, at the Central Park, on Monday, over which Dr. Wu Ting-fang presided. Dr. Chen Chin-tao and Admiral Cheng Pi-kwang made speeches. A resolution was passed to telegraph to the Kwangtung authorities opposing gambling and at the same time to urge the President to issue a mandate ordering its prohibition.

ST. PIERO RUDINGER IS PLACED UNDER ARREST; LODGED IN U. S. JAIL

Inspector Vaughan of Municipal Police Acts on Austrian Consulate Authority

Acting under instructions from the Austrian Consulate, last night, Inspector Vaughan of the Municipal Police took St. Piero Rudinger into custody.

Mr. Rudinger is a well-known resident. Recently he has been practising law in Shanghai. Before that he was associated with the Ostasiatische Lloyd News Service. He wrote a book several years ago setting forth his experiences as a Shanghai news-gatherer in the rebellion of 1913.

Mr. Rudinger made no resistance when approached by the inspector. He was taken to the American jail. It is understood that the instructions were that he was not to be allowed to see visitors during the night.

Details concerning the charge against him probably will be made known during a hearing today.

FORBID MILITARY MEN DOING POLITICAL WORK

Effort of Parties to Secure Influence Results in Prohibitive Mandate

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, December 19.—The activity amongst the various parties to increase their influence continues. Many of them are trying to secure the support of the military.

Some time ago, General Feng Kuo-chang announced that he would not join any party and forbade all his officers to take an active part in politics. Premier Tuan Chi-jui, with the President's approval, has now decided to issue an order, prohibiting the military joining political parties.

The constitution conference will resume its meetings tomorrow, when the appointment and dismissal of judicial officers, the power of Parliament in investigation of impeachment cases and also the insertion of a chapter regarding State religion, will be discussed.

Japan Bars Hsiung as Envoy

It is announced that the departure of Hsiung Hsi-ling for Japan is postponed. It is understood that the appointment of Hsiung Hsi-ling was gazetted before the Japanese reply to the Chinese inquiry with regard to his acceptability was received in Peking.

It now transpires that the Japanese Foreign Office informed the Chinese Minister at Tokio that they would agree to the appointment of any suitable candidate, but believed there was some opposition in China to Hsiung Hsi-ling and, also, the latter is not popular in Japan. In view of the fact that the object of the mission was to increase the friendly relations between the two countries, it was necessary that the envoy should be acceptable to both nations and, therefore, the Chinese Government was asked to give the matter further consideration.

Chambrettes' Capture Conceded by Germans

Confine Efforts to Shelling Lost Positions; French Fell Two Aeroplanes

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Berlin, December 19.—An official communique issued today reports: The French have recaptured Chambrettes Farm.

Paris, December 19.—The official communique issued this afternoon reported: The enemy bombarded the region of Louvemont and Chambrettes. Two enemy aeroplanes were brought down at Verdun. Our air-squadrons heavily bombarded the railway-stations at Dun-sur-Meuse and Mont-Medy and the bivouacs at Azannes.

Big British Field Piece Going Into Action

This photograph was taken as one of the big field pieces of the British army was being brought, despite many obstacles set by the heavy mud, into one of the big battles of recent weeks on the front north of the Somme. It is one of many hundreds of guns of similar design being used by the British in the desperate and bloody fighting in this particular war theater.

BLAIKIE WON'T SHARE FATE OF CAPT. FRYATT

Germans Say He Only Did His Duty, His Vessel Being An Armed Cruiser

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 19.—In the House of Commons, today, Mr. A. Bonar Law announced that Germany has given an assurance that Captain Blaikie will not share the fate of Captain Fryatt. The German Admiralty considered the s.s. Caledonia an armed cruiser and Captain Blaikie was only doing his duty in attempting to ram the submarine.

Canada now Running 600 Munition-Works

They Absorb Two and a Half Times Normal Yearly Expenditure Of Entire Dominion

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Ottawa, December 18.—Canada now has 600 munition-works and is spending on them two-and-a-half times the normal yearly expenditure of the Dominion.

VOTE-SELLING GENERAL AT SENATORS' ELECTION

Complicated Lawsuits Expected; Kuomintang Leader Is Returned by Chihli

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, December 20.—The Kuomintang leader, Chang Chi, who is at present in Japan, has been elected a Senator for Chihli. Chinese newspapers report that, owing to the keen party strife and many charges of corruption, such as the sale of votes in connection with the election of Senators, complicated problems and lawsuits will have to be settled before the result can finally be published.

WALLACHIA BOOTY

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Russian attacks in Valeputna were repulsed. We have captured a thousand Russian and Rumanian prisoners and many vehicles laden with food, in Wallachia, in the last two days.

The Russo-Rumanian forces continue to retreat northwards in the Dobrudja. We are advancing towards the Lower Danube.

DISCUSS CHENCHIATUNG

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, December 20.—The Chenchiatung negotiations were resumed yesterday afternoon. Baron Hayashi and Dr. Wu Ting-fang had a lengthy conference, which was without result. A further conference will be held tomorrow.

Shanghai Silver Stock Back Near to Normal; Big Cargo Unloaded

Shanghai's stock of silver has been rapidly brought back close to normal and for this the thanks of the local community are due to the foreign bank managers.

At the close of business on last Friday, the stock of silver in Shanghai banks was Tls. 22,265,000, $14,600,000 and [illegible] bars, these figures including Tls. 3,790,000 and $4,730,000 held by Chinese banks. Besides this, several millions were shipped to interior centers.

And then, on Saturday, the s.s. Ecuador arrived with Pesos 7,500,000 from the Philippines treasury in charge of Auditor Williams. Mr. Williams stayed merely long enough to see the pesos melted down. He departed yesterday on the Nippon Maru. Shipments of silver are flowing in two or three times a week.

Losses of Germans On Somme, 690,000

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 19.—It is stated that an independent estimate made by the British General Staff of the German losses in the battle of the Somme substantially coincides with the French official estimate of 690,000.

Mail Notices

MAILS CLOSE

For Japan:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Yawata M. Dec. 22
Per M.M. s.s. Armand Behic Dec. 24
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Hakuai M. Dec. 26
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kasuga M. Dec. 28
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Yamashiro M. Dec. 30
For U.S., Canada, and Europe:—
Per T.K.K. s.s. Tenyo Maru Dec. 21
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Tamba M. Dec. 23
Per R.M. s.s. E. of Russia Dec. 20
Per P.M. s.s. Ecuador.... Jan. 2
Per T.K.K. s.s. Nippon M. Jan. 7
For Europe:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kamo M. Dec. 23
Per P. & O. s.s. Novara Dec. 25
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kashima M. Dec. 31
Per M.M. s.s. Athos..... Jan. 1
Per M.M. s.s. Armand Behic Jan. 6

Mails to Arrive:—

The French mail of November 12 was due at Hongkong yesterday, and here on Saturday, December 23. Left Singapore on December 10, per M.M. s.s. Armand Behic.

The Canadian mail of Dec. 15 is due at Yokohama on Dec. 29, and here on Jan. 3. Left Vancouver on December 15, per R.M. s.s. Empress of Japan.

The French mail of November 29 is due at Hongkong on January 4, and here on January 8. Left Marseilles on November 29, per M.M. s.s. Porthos.

CHINA IS NOT GOING TO JOIN THE ALLIES

Replying to Rumor, Foreign Vice-Minister Says Question Not Even Considered

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

Peking, December 20.—At today's meeting of the Lower House, in the presence of Hsia Yi-ting, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, as representative of the Government, the interpellation of Tien Teng was discussed. Tien Teng asked about the rumors of China siding with the Entente and about the attitude of the Government.

Hsia Yi-ting replied that the Government had not considered this important question and would not give up its neutrality. Thereupon, Hsia left the House and no further discussion took place.

Government Will Fix British Wheat Price

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 19.—In the House of Commons, today, Sir Richard Winfrey announced that the Government intended to guarantee a fixed price for wheat during the season 1916-1917.

PLANE AND SUBMARINE TAKE CARD 4,000 MILES

By Air From Chicago to New York, Then By Deutschland to Bremen

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The paper Berliner Zeitung am Mittag publishes an interesting message, which was despatched on November 2 from Chicago. The card travelled 1,000 miles on an aeroplane overland to New York and then 3,000 miles under water on board the merchant-submarine Deutschland, from New York to Bremen.

Chinese Facing Deficit $140,000,000 in 1917

Cabinet Works Hard on Plan To Either Meet or Reduce Estimate

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, December 20.—The Cabinet is holding frequent extraordinary meetings to discuss the financial situation and to find means to meet or reduce the estimated deficit for the current year, namely, from July 1, 1916 to June 30, 1917, amounting to $140,000,000.

Wants Other, Better, Surer Terms Than Those Broken

Allies Put Trust In Unbroken Army, Rather Than Broken Faith

A SPIRITED REPLY

France and Russia Right To Answer First; They Have Suffered Most

TAKES CHALLENGE

'Germany Leaves Us to Exact Damage; We Have Begun'

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 19.—There was a record attendance at today's session of the House of Commons, which was a memorable occasion.

Mr. Lloyd George, who was working yesterday, made the first official announcement of the German peace Note, which was presented at the Foreign Office, yesterday.

Mr. Lloyd George said that he appeared before the House with the most terrible responsibility that could fall on the shoulders of any living man, as chief adviser of the Crown in the most gigantic war in which this country had ever been engaged: a war upon the events of which its destiny depends.

"It is the greatest war ever waged and its burdens are the heaviest ever cast upon this or any other country, while the issues at stake are the greatest ever [illegible] conflict in which humanity has been involved.

Responsibilities Accentuated

"The responsibilities of the new Government have been suddenly accentuated by the declaration made by the German Chancellor. The statement made by the latter in the Reichstag has been followed by the Note presented to us by the United States without comment.

"An answer will be given by the government in full accord with our brave allies. Naturally, there has been an interchange of views, not upon the Note, because it has only recently arrived, but upon the speech which propelled it and, inasmuch as the Note itself is practically only a reproduction or certainly a paraphrase of that speech, the subject matter of the Note itself has been discussed formally."

Wait on France and Russia

"I am very glad to be able to state that we have each separately and independently arrived at identical conclusions. I was very glad that the first answer was given by France and Russia, for they have unquestionably the right to give the first answer to such an invitation.

"The enemy are still on their soil. Their sacrifices have been greater. That answer has already been published and, on behalf of the Government, I give clear and definite support to it.

"Any man—or set of men—who wantonly, or without sufficient cause, prolonged a terrible conflict like this would have on his soul a crime that oceans could not cleanse. On the other hand, it is equally true that any man—or set of men—who, from a sense of weariness or of despair, abandoned this struggle without achieving the very high purpose for which we entered it, would have been guilty of the most costly act of poltroonery ever perpetrated by any statesman.

Applies Lincoln's Words

"I should like to quote the very well-known words of Abraham Lincoln, under similar conditions: 'We accepted this war for an object and a world object and the war will end when that object has been attained. Under God, I hope it will never end until that time!'

"Are we likely to achieve that object by accepting the invitation of the German Chancellor? What are the proposals? There are none! To enter into a conference on the invitation of Germany, proclaiming herself victorious, without any knowledge of the proposals she proposes to make, is to put our heads into a noose, with the ends of the rope in the hands of Germany.

"This country is not altogether without experience in these matters. It is not the first time we have fought a great military despotism overshadowing Europe and it will not be the first time we have helped to overthrow a military despotism. We can recall one of the greatest of these despots. When he had a purpose to serve in working his nefarious schemes, his favorite device was to appear in the guise of the Angel of Peace.

"He usually appeared under those conditions when he wished for time to assimilate his conquests or to reorganise his forces for fresh conquests, or, secondly, when his subjects showed symptons of fatigue and war weariness. The appeal was always made in the name of humanity. He demanded an end to bloodshed, at which he professed himself to be horrified, but for which he himself was mainly responsible.

Reminiscent Disquietude

"Our ancestors were taken in once and bitterly they and Europe rue it. The time was devoted to re-organising his forces for a deadlier attack than even upon the liberties of Europe. Examples of that kind cause us to regard this Note with a considerable measure of reminiscent disquietude.

"We feel we ought to know, before we can give favorable consideration to such an invitation, that Germany is prepared to accede to the only terms on which it is possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe. These terms have been repeatedly stated by all the leading statesmen of the Allies. Mr. Asquith has stated them repeatedly.

"It is important that there should be no mistake in a matter of life and death to millions and, therefore, I will repeat them again, namely: complete restitution, full reparation and effectual guarantees. Did the German Chancellor use a single phrase indicating that he was prepared to accept such a peace?

Germans Unconscious of Offence

"The substance and style of the speech constitute a denial of peace on

Some Whizz-bangs By Britain's New Premier

In a Reuter message published on Tuesday—corroborated by an Ostasiatische Lloyd cable from New York, printed today—it was stated that, if Mr. Lloyd George reaffirmed M. Briand's sentiments, President Wilson would decline to identify himself with the German proposals. There follow some of the outstanding features of Mr. Lloyd George's speech regarding the German Note:

"I was very glad that the first answer was given by France and Russia, for they have unquestionably the right to give the first answer to such an invitation. The enemy are still on their soil. Their sacrifices have been greater."

"We feel we ought to know, before we can give favorable consideration to such an invitation, that Germany is prepared to accede to the only terms on which it is possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe, namely: complete restitution, full reparation and effectual guarantees."

"Without reparation, peace is impossible."

"Germany leaves us to exact damage for all future violence committed after the war. We have already begun."

"We will wait until we hear what terms and guarantees the German Government offer other than those, better than those, surer than those which she so lightly broke and, meantime, we shall put our trust in an unbroken army, rather than in a broken faith."

the only terms on which peace is possible. He is not even conscious now that Germany has committed any offence against the right of free nations.

"Listen to this from the Note: 'Not for an instant have the Central Powers swerved from the conviction that respect for the rights of other nations is not in any degree compatible with their own rights and legitimate interests!' When did they discover that? Where was the respect for the rights of other nations in Belgium and Servia? That was self-defence, I suppose—menaced by the overwhelming armies of Belgium!

"I suppose the Germans had been intimidated into invading Belgium, into burning Belgian cities and villages, into the massacre of thousands of the inhabitants, old and young and into carrying the survivors into bondage. They were carrying them into slavery at the moment when this Note was being written about their unswerving conviction as to their respect for the rights of other nations.

"Are these outrages the legitimate interest of Germany? We must know that it is not the moment for peace if excuses of this kind for palpable crimes can be put forward two and a half years after the exposure by grim facts.

"Of the guarantee, is there, I ask, in all solemnity, any guarantee that similar subterfuges will not be used in future to overthrow any treaty of peace you may enter into with Prussian militarism?

Must Have Reparation

"This Note and the speech prove that not yet have they learned the very alphabet of respect for the rights of others. Without reparation, peace is impossible.

"Are all these outrages against humanity on land and sea to be liquidated by a few pious phrases about humanity? Is there to be no reckoning for them? Are we to grasp the hand that perpetrated these atrocities in friendship without any reparation being tendered or given? Germany leaves us to exact damage for all future violence committed after the war. We have already begun.

"It has cost us much and we must exact it now, so as not to leave such a grim inheritance to our children. Much as we all long for peace, deeply as we are horrified by this war, this Note and the speech which heralded it do not afford us much encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace. What hope is given in that speech that the whole root and cause of this great bitterness, the arrogant spirit of the Prussian military caste, will not be as dominant as ever if we patch up a peace now?"

After pointing out that the speech in which peace proposals were suggested resounded to the boast of Prussian military triumphs, Mr. Lloyd George declared: "We must keep a steadfast eye upon the purpose for which we entered the war, otherwise, the great sacrifices we have been making will be in vain.

'To Delude German Nation'

"The German Note states it was for the defence of their existence and freedom for their national development that the Central Powers were constrained to take up arms. Such phrases defeat even those who pen them. They are intended to delude the German nation into supporing the designs of the Prussian military caste, who have ever wished to put an end to Germany's national existence, or the freedom of their national development. We welcomed their development so long as it was on the paths of peace.

"The Allies entered this war to defend Europe against the aggression of Prussian military domination and, having begun it, must insist that the only end is the most complete and effective guarantee against the possibility of that caste ever again disturbing the peace of Europe.

"Prussia, since she got into the hands of that caste, has been a bad neighbor, arrogant, threatening, bullying, shifting boundaries at her will, taking one fair field after another from her weaker neighbors, with her belt ostentatiously full of weapons of offence and ready at a moment's notice to use them. She has always been an unpleasant and disturbing neighbor in Europe.

"It is difficult for those living thousands of miles away to understand what it has meant to those who lived near her. Even here, with the protection of the broad seas between us, we know what a disturbing factor the Prussians were with their constant naval menace, but even we can hardly realise what it has meant to France and Russia.

Will Stop 'Swashbuckling'

"Now that this war has been forced by the Prussian military leaders upon France, Russia, Italy and ourselves, it would be a cruel folly not to see to it that this swashbuckling through the streets of Europe, to the disturbance of all harmless and peaceful citizens, shall be dealt with now as an offence against the law of nations.

"The mere word that led Belgium to her own destruction will not satisfy Europe any more. We all believed it. We all trusted it. It gave way to the first pressure of temptation and Europe has been plunged into the vortex of blood.

"We will, therefore, wait until we hear what terms and guarantees the German Government offer other than those, better than those, surer than those which she so lightly broke and, meantime, we shall put our trust in an unbroken army, rather than in a broken faith."

[A portion of the message here is missing.]

"And from this position to treat as trifling real set-backs. Britain never appeared at its best except when she was confronted with a real danger and understood it.

'Dark Rumanian Cloud'

"Let us for a moment look at the worst. The Rumanian blunder was unfortunate, but, at the worst, it prolongs the war; it does not alter the fundamental facts of the war. I cannot help hoping it may even have salutary effects in calling the attention of the Allies to obvious defects in their organisation.

"Not merely the organisation of each, but the organisation of the whole. If it does that and braces them to fresh effort, it may prove, bad as it is, a blessing. That is the worst. It has been a real set-back. It is the one cloud—well! it is the darkest cloud—and it appeared on a clearing horizon.

"We are doing the best to make it impossible that that disaster should lead to a worse. That is why we have taken in the last few days this very strong action in Greece. We mean to take no risks there. We have decided to take definite and decisive action and I think it has succeeded. We have decided to recognise the agents of that great Greek statesman, Venizelos.

"I should like to say one word about the lessons of the fighting on the western front, about the significance of the whole of that great struggle—one of the greatest ever waged in the history of the world. It is full of encouragement and hope.

Eulogises New Army

"Just look at it! An absolutely new army—the old had done its duty and spent itself in the achievement of that great task. This is a new army. But a year ago it was ore in the earth of Britain.

"Yea! And of Ireland! It became iron. It has passed through the fiery furnace and the enemy know it is now fine steel. This new army of new men and new officers, with Generals new to this kind of work, has faced the greatest army in the world, the best equipped and the best trained and has beaten them, beaten them, beaten them, in battle after battle, day after day, week after week, in the strongest entrenchments ever devised by human skill!

"It has driven them out by a valor which is incredible. That is something which gives us hope, which fills you all with pride in the nation to which they belong. It is a fact and it is a fact full of significance for us and for the foe.

"The enemy has seen that army grow under his very eyes. They are becoming veterans and, therefore, basing our confidence upon these facts, I am as convinced as I ever was of ultimate victory, if the nation proves as steady, as valorous and as ready to sacrifice and to learn and endure as that great army on the Somme."

Describes New Government

The Premier proceeded to refer to the new Government, remarking that, in doing so, he was anxious to avoid all issues that excited irritation, controversy or disunion. It must not be assumed that he accepted as complete the accounts which had been given of the way in which the Government was formed. He was convinced that the controversies of the past would not help regarding the future and, therefore, so far as he was concerned, he placed them on one side.

He proceeded to speak of the unusual character and composition of the Government as the executive body. The House had realised that there had been a separation between the functions of the Premier and the Leader of the House. That was because these two offices were more than one man could undertake.

There were three characteristics in which the present administration might be said to have departed perhaps from precedent. First, there was the concentration of the executive in very few hands. Second, there was the choosing of men of administrative and business capacity, rather than men of parliamentary experience, where they were unable to obtain both for the headship of a great department. Third, there was franker and fuller recognition of the partnership of Labor in the Government.

No Government of this country had ever contained such a large representation of labor. They realised that it was impossible to conduct the war without getting the complete and unqualified support of labor. Also, they were anxious to obtain Labor's assistance and counsel for the purpose of the conduct of the war.

Need Change For War

Previous administrations had been peace structures, organised for a different purpose and different conditions. A craft suitable for a river or canal was not exactly the kind of vessel for the high seas. He was not referring to the last Cabinet, but to the old system of Cabinets, where the heads of every Department were represented inside the Cabinet.

He was convinced that the new form of Government was best for the war, where quick decision was necessary above everything. He declared that the Allies had suffered disaster after disaster through tardiness of decision and action, saying: "You cannot run a war with a Sanhedrin."

That was the meaning of a Cabinet of five members and one of its members doing sentry duty outside. It had been suggested that there was a danger of lack of co-ordination, but he pointed out that it was an old practice to have the heads of departments outside the Cabinet. Whenever anything concerned a particular Department, the head of that department could attend the Executive Committee to discuss problems requiring solution.

Acknowledges Parliament's Control

He thought this a very effective practice, much better, especially in time of war, than keeping men away from their departments, discussing things which did not directly concern them. He emphasised that, henceforth, there would be no distinction between the old War Committee and the War Cabinet. There was not the slightest attempt to derogate in any particular form from the complete control of Parliament, which must always be supreme.

Mr. Lloyd George stated that the Government was investigating the French system, whereby Ministers had to appear before Parliamentary Committees, where questions could be asked and they could give an account which they would not care to give in public. It was possible that they might refer the matter to Parliament for settlement.

Coming to the work of the Government, Mr. Lloyd George referred to the Ministry of Labor. He hoped this Department would not confine itself merely to settling disputes. He hoped that it would become in a real sense a Ministry, with the well-being of Labor in its charge.

Paris Receives Note

Paris, December 18.—The American Ambassador has handed to the Foreign Office the German peace Note, which is identical with the statement made by the German Imperial Chancellor in the Reichstag, consisting of a general proposal and no concrete conditions.

Motono Pledged to Unity

Tokio, December 19.—Germany's Note containing a proposal for a peace conference has been presented, without comment, to Baron Motono, Minister of Foreign Affairs, by Mr. Guthrie, the American Minister, acting solely as the representative of German interests in Japan. It is understood that the Note contains no suggestion of terms.

Later, Baron Motono said to Reuter's representative: "Obviously, I cannot now discuss the overture from Germany contained in the communication to us today. Whatever may be decided will only be after full discussion between the Governments of Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and Japan.

"A great responsibility is laid upon us all, but the world may rest in absolute assurance that no step will be taken hastily. No peace is possible except on terms to which all the Allies are whole-heartedly agreed. We are convinced that the spirit of determination and confidence in their just cause will bring to our splendid allies in the west a victory assuring and guaranteeing no recurrence of this world upset and awful holocaust."

The German overture is generally regarded as offensively boastful in tone and auguring ill for Germany's chances.

Mr. Wilson Didn't Expect Rejection, German Report

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

New York, December 16.—A telegram from Washington reports that President Wilson has determined on his policy with regard to the peace proposals of Germany and that this policy is, to await what Lloyd George will have to say and then to make a statement to all the belligerent powers with regard to the position of the Government of the United States. President Wilson does not share the opinion expressed by many newspapers that Lloyd George will flatly reject the proposals and kill the peace movement at its very start.

He has every reason to presume that Britain will realise that the eyes of the whole world are now focussed on the Entente and that the neutral world will desire some very frank statements from them; that they will either tell why they cannot enter into peace negotiations, or will ask the Germans to state their terms.

According to another telegram from Washington, the statement has been authorised at the German Embassy that the consideration of at least a partial disarmament would be one of the points to be taken up at the peace conference, a report which has attracted the widest attention among Government officials and diplomatists.

Only Proposed Conference

Emphasising that all that Germany proposed is a discussion and a conference, an editorial of the New York World says that it is impossible to read in the German proposal the trick which the British press seems to fear, or the plot to spread dissension among the Entente Powers, against which Premier Briand warned the French people. Germany expressed her willingness to enter into peace negotiations, because she is now fully victorious, as Emperor William said in an address to German troops in Alsace, according to a Berlin telegram of the United Press.

The Emperor's statement came after he had praised the loyalty of Alsace in peace and war and had referred to Rumania as the country in the East which had attempted to throw the dagger into their ally's back.

"We propose to negotiate with the enemy," the Emperor was quoted as saying. "The outcome is unknown, but, if the war continues, the blame lies with the enemy. If they think they have not had enough, then I know that you will. . . ." Here the Emperor concluded with a bit of soldier slang, which made the troops smile grimly.

Full Text of German Peace Note to Powers

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

Berlin, December 16.—The following is the text of the German peace Note:

"The most terrific war ever seen by history has now been raging almost for 2½ years in a large part of the world. The catastrophe, which could not be prevented by the civilisation of thousands of years, injures the most precious achievements of humanity. The spiritual and material progress which was the pride of Europe at the beginning of the 20th century, is threatened with ruin.

"Germany and her allies, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, have proof of their unconquerable strength in this struggle. They have gained gigantic advantages over their adversaries, who are superior in numbers and war material. Our lines stand unshaken against the continually repeated attacks made by the armies of our adversaries.

"The last attack in the Balkans has been frustrated rapidly and victoriously. The latest events prove also that, during a further continuance of the war, it will be impossible to break our power of resistance and that the whole situation rather justifies us to expect further successes.

"The four allied Powers had been compelled to take up arms in the defense of their existence and the liberty of their national evolution. The glorious deeds of their armies did not alter this fact. They always maintained the firm belief that their own rights and justified claims are in no way contradictory to the rights of other nations.

"To shatter or annihilate their adversaries is not their aim. Inspired by the conscience of their military and economic strength and the will to continue the war, which was forced upon them, to the extreme, if this is necessary, but at the same time inspired by the desire to avoid further bloodshed and to make an end to the horrors of the war, the four allied Powers propose to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

"The guarantees which they bring for such negotiations and which have the object of guaranteeing the existence, honor and liberty of evolution for their nations, form, according to their firm belief, an appropriate basis for the establishment of a lasting peace. If, in spite of this offer of peace and reconciliation, the struggle should go on, the four allied Powers are decided to continue it until a victorious end, but they would solemnly decline every responsibility before humanity and before history for this.

"The Imperial Government, by the good offices of your Excellency, has the honor to ask the Government of .....(follows the name of the neutral Power) to bring this communication to the knowledge of.....(follows the name of the hostile Power)."

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Kamunting (In Kedah) Annual Meeting

The sixth annual general meeting of shareholders in the Kamunting (in Kedah) Rubber Plantation Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at the offices of Messrs. A. R. Burkill and Sons, No. 2 Klukiang Road. Mr. E. W. Noel presided and amongst others present were Messrs. F. H. Crossley, W. S. Jackson, E. S. Kadoorie (directors) and A. S. Wilson (legal adviser).

The chairman stated:

The report and accounts have been in your possession for the past two weeks and you are consequently quite familiar with them and will no doubt allow me to take them as read. The auditors' comments on them are as follows:—

"We have examined the above balance sheet with the company's books, accounts and vouchers in Shanghai and with the signed statements received from the estate manager and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. We have not inspected the Government grants for the estates; we are informed these have not yet been received. Subject to the foregoing, the above balance sheet is, in our opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the company's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us and as shown by the books."

You will notice there are 674 acres of trees which are producing 422 acres of immature trees and 369 acres of the estate, I am sorry to say, have for the present to be considered as out of the running. At the same time, they are being taken in hand, but will burden the company with a heavy labor bill for some months to come and part may even have to be treated as a new clearing.

In dealing with the accounts, 60% of general estate expenditure and Shanghai expenses have been debited to revenue and 40% to the development account, the result of the year's working on this basis being a profit of Tls. 78,405.51. Adding the balance of Tls. 4,503.21 brought forward from 1915, gives a total of Tls. 82,908.72 at credit of profit and loss account.

In dealing with the question of the declaration of a dividend, your directors took into consideration two facts—first, our liquid assets are not in Shanghai and to bring up the Penang balance at the present adverse exchange would involve a heavy loss and, secondly, the local financial conditions do not encourage us to approach our bankers for a temporary loan for making up the balance required to pay a dividend. Under these circumstances, your directors do not recommend any distribution of profits, but, should there be an encouraging change in the conditions referred to, it is needless for me to remind shareholders that an interim dividend can be paid and this matter will have your directors' attention.

It is proposed to write off Tls. 47,956.87 to various accounts, as shown in the report and to carry forward Tls. 34,951.85, this sum representing our cash balances and stock of rubber, less sundry creditors, Tls. 4,779.18.

On May 26 last, a letter was sent to the shareholders, in which it was made known to them that changes in the administration of the estates were being carried out and, to continue that report, I would say that, on arrival of Mr. Poignand in Shanghai, in June, he surrendered his agreement as visiting agent, which had several months to run and tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the directors. Arrangements were also made whereby the secretaryship was transferred to Messrs A. R. Burkill and Sons, as from November 1.

In the meantime, the appointment of Messrs. Barker and Co. as local agents was confirmed and they started upon their duties as from June 1. I may say that, by these new arrangements, the company is effecting a monthly saving of about Tls. 250. The periodical visits of the agents to the estates are of great benefit. Reports and accounts are rendered in more concise form and, generally, the change promises to be a beneficial one. Moreover, our secretaries propose annually sending down a representative to visit the various estates they act for and, by the end of this month, their Mr. Davis will be on his way south and will include our two plantations in his itinerary.

During the past year, we have had a number of visits to and reports on our properties. Mr. W. Duncan, as you know, was detailed specially to go through the two estates and he made a lengthy report and many recommendations which have been followed. In June, Messrs. Barker inspected the estates, on taking over charge.

Mr. Crossley visited the estates in February and March and made a full report and again, at the close of our year, Mr. W. Duncan went over the fields with Messrs. Barker's representative and we have his report, dated October 31 and, finally, we have Mr. Syme's annual reports on both estates. It is gratifying to find that Mr. Duncan's second report is far more encouraging than the first was and it is evident a vast amount of work has been done shaping for improvement and it is quite certain that those parts of the estates which are in first class order will be so maintained, also that a fair portion of the overgrown fields will be clean and productive by the end of the company's financial year.

There is one thing I should like to emphasise and that is, it takes a long time to carry out new schemes on an estate, as preparation has to be made, in the first place, for the accommodation of extra workers, then the force has to be got together and settled on the estate and you will notice we are spending some money on new coolie lines, additional weeders and cultivators being needed.

The rainfall has again been very heavy, which, as Mr. Duncan points out, militates against cheap weeding. In his last report on Paya Kamunting, he says:—"From the appearance of the areas now, I anticipate that grass will be troublesome and expensive to keep down for some time on fields 12a, 12, a part of 11 and most of 10. Other areas should give little trouble in future." Considerable thinning-out has been done during the year and this work will be continued.

With regard to Riverside, field 8 (304 acres), to which attention was drawn in the May circular, the manager reports that, at September 30, 1916, 110 acres were clean and that he expects to reclaim a further 50 acres during 1917.

Just after the close of our year, the new smoke-house on Kamunting was destroyed by fire. It contained only rubber gathered in September and for this we were fully insured and have recovered our loss here in Shanghai and the money has been placed out on loan.

A forward sale of 2 tons smoked sheet monthly for the whole of 1917 has just been effected, at $147 per picul, delivered in Singapore.

Our manager's estimates of the crop for the current year are:—Kamunting, 141,000 lbs.; Riverside, 60,000 lbs.; total, 201,000 lbs. Mr. Duncan's forecast is 159,000 lbs. for Kamunting and he considers the estimate of 60,000 lbs. for Riverside very conservative.

A budget for the year has been prepared, which allows for expenditure at Kamunting of $81,396 and at Riverside $50,353, a total of $131,749. In this estimate is included an expenditure of $6,930 on 121 acres of the temporarily abandoned land on both estates and $14,100 for buildings, consisting of three coolie lines, 2 smoke-houses and assistant's bungalow.

At our last directors' meeting, the question of a contribution to war funds was brought up and it was decided that, in the present conditions of the company's affairs, no portion of the shareholders' money could be made use of for such purpose.

I now beg to put the first resolution to the meeting:—"That the audited accounts and directors' report for the year ended September 30, 1916, be accepted, as presented and the profits be appropriated as recommended. This resolution is open for discussion. Any questions you may have to ask shall be replied to, to the best of my ability.

No questions were asked and resolutions were passed unanimously, accepting the report and accounts, as presented, re-electing Mr. F. H. Crossley to the board and re-appointing Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors.

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Wedding at Nanking

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Special Correspondence of the China Press

Nanking, December 19.—No prettier wedding has been seen in the old capital of the Ming Emperors than that solemnised on the evening of Monday, the 18th instant, between Miss Muriel P. W. Molland of Nanking, and Mr. Paul Jernigan, Manager for the Standard Oil Co. at Ningpo. Both the young people have hosts of friends, and this, and the esteem in which the two families are held, were strikingly shown in the unusually large number of handsome and valuable presents.

Mrs. Molland, mother of the bride, is actively identified with everything that is happy in the community life of Nanking, while Mr. T. R. Jernigan's name is familiar in Shanghai, where he was for some years Consul General for the U.S.A., and is now the senior member of the American Bar. He is also widely known for his versatile literary work.

The ceremony took place in the Christian Advent Mission Church, artistically decorated for the occasion, and filled with about 200 guests, many of whom had travelled considerable distances to be present. The bride looked beautiful in a lovely gown of white flowered silk chiffon crepe, with court train, and trimmed with silver lace and cord; the graceful veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, and the bouquet was of white carnations and fern. Miss Kathleen Molland, the bridesmaid, was charming in chiffon crepe, with pale blue triumming and Mrs. Molland's effective gown was of lavender satin. Miss Maureen Malone, who made a dainty little flower girl, had a beautifully embroidered linen dress, trimmed with Irish crochet lace.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. C. E. Molland, of the Directorate General of Posts, who is shortly leaving for the front; and the best man was Mr. J. B. Chevalier. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. B. Gill, assisted by Rev. G. H. Malone, Miss Krespach officiating at the organ. Mr. J. Paul Jameson, U.S. Consul, attended, and the ushers were Messrs. Benedict, Gish, Prescott and Smith.

A largely-attended reception was held after the wedding at the residence of Mr. F. N. Merritt, the happy couple leaving the next morning for Hankow, where the honeymoon will be spent.

The bride's bouquet, thrown from the stairs, was caught by Miss Dorothy Macklin.

Chinese Press Reports

The Election of Senators

Chihli.—The Provincial Assembly of Chihli, says a Tientsin telegram to the Sinwanpao, voted for the members of the Upper House for Chihli on December 18 and Chang Chih, Chang Shu-an and Kuo Hsi-hao were elected with Pien Shou-tsing as a candidate in case of vacancy.

Shantung:—A Tsinanfu telegram to the Sinwanpao says:—On December 18 the Provincial Assembly of Shantung voted for the members of the Upper House three times and was only able to elect Chang Chun-li alone. On the 19th another two, Wang Shieh-su and Chang Han-chang, were elected. The candidates to fill up vacancies were also elected in the persons of Wang Chia-ting, Chu Chang-yin and Chen Ming-yu.

Hupeh:—A Wuchang telegram to the Shunpao says:—On December 18, the Provincial Assembly was to vote for the members of the Upper House. General Wang Chuan-yuan, the Military and Civil Governor of Hupeh, attended and strict precautions were effected by prohibiting anyone to enter except all the members. They ordered the right of voting should not be given to the members Chien, Chao and Liang whose qualifications are under dispute. Only 53 members attended and the Chairmen Wang and Chu did not attend. There being no quorum no voting took place and the Assembly adjourned the voting.

Mukden:—The New Shunpao reports:—Yang Hsien-ching, Hwang Shu-chin and Chao Lien-chi were duly elected as the members for the Upper House for Mukden on December 18.

Anhui:—The Sinwanpao reports:—On the 18th the Provincial Assembly elected Nieh Tao-lang, Chang Yun-yo and Lo Tse-yo as the members of the Upper House.

NEWS OF GERMAN RAIDER

New York, December 11.—A wireless warning received here early this morning states that the German commerce raider which was reported to be at large in the Atlantic, has been located by patrol vessels, and that at the time the message was sent she was at a point approximately 500 miles north of the Azores.

The raider is described as a large steamer equipped with torpedo tubes, upon which she apparently is depending for the destruction of Allied merchantmen.

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U. S. Seeks to Determine Nature Of Promises—More Excuses for Arabic

New York, December 8.—Brief diplomatic negotiations are now in progress between the United States and Germany in order to determine the real nature of Germany's submarine pledges and to find out whether the recent attacks on merchant ships have not been in contravention of the promises made to the United States.

The commander of the submarine which sank the Arabic on November 6 insists that the liner was carrying a large number of Oriental laborers, which should give the liner the rating of a transport.

Didn't See Women and Children

Washington, December 8.—The German reply to the United States in regard to the sinking of the P. and O. liner Arabic on November 6 states that the commander of the submarine mistook the liner for a British transport. The commander, it is claimed, did not see the women and children aboard. Germany offers to make amends if satisfied that this was really a mistake.

A serious situation may possibly develop out of this note. The United States Government, in previous notes, has held that such a mistake is not to be tolerated as an excuse.

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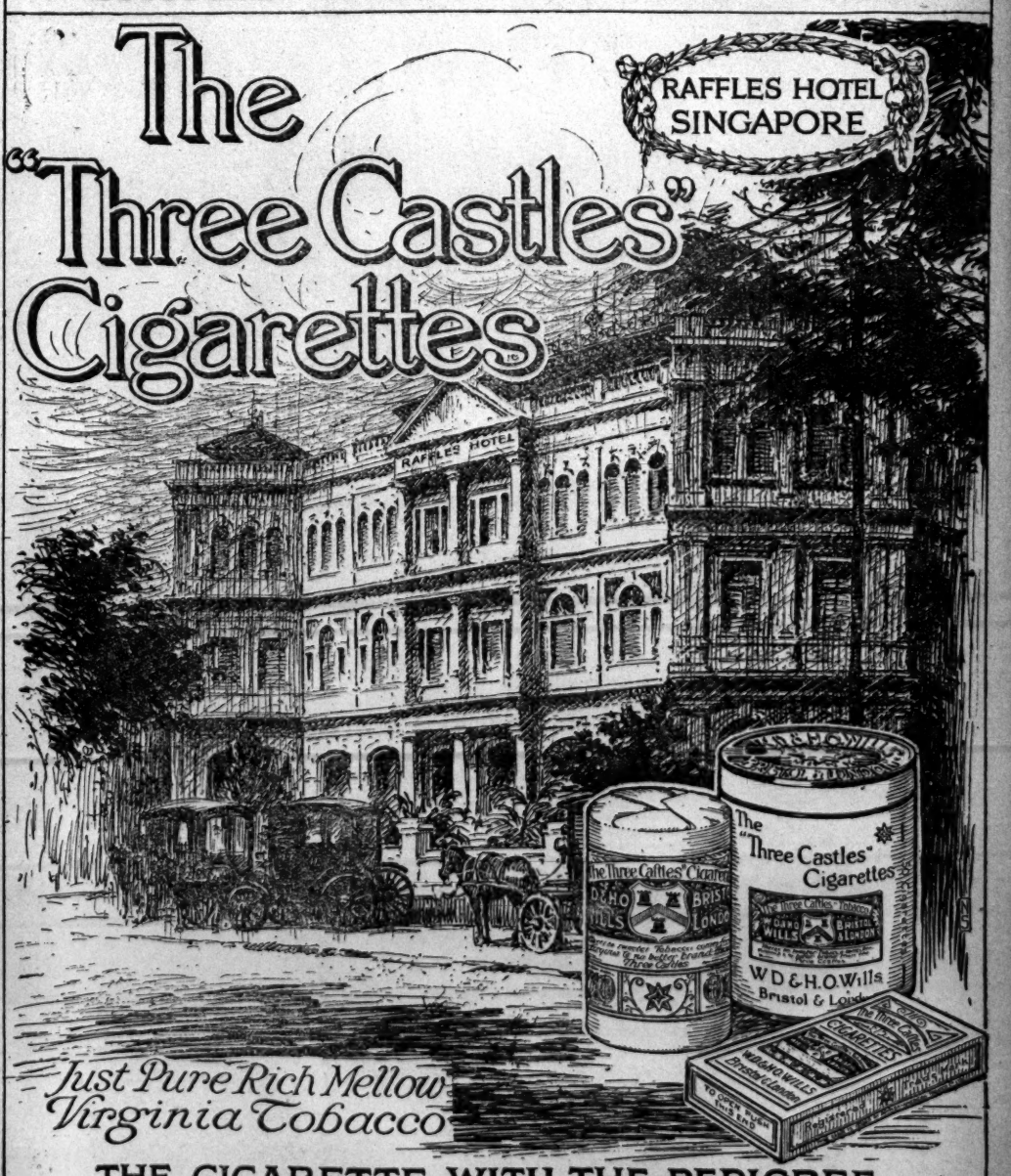

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Ayer Tawah Rubber Plantation Co.

The shareholders of the Ayer Tawah Rubber Plantation Co. held their seventh annual general meeting at No. 1 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, yesterday afternoon. There were present, Mr. T. H. Teesdale (Chairman), Mr. C. Selby Moore, Mr. L. J. Cubitt, and Mr. Alex Samson (directors), and shareholders representing in all 4,072 shares. After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman spoke as follows:

I presume I may, as usual, take it that the report and accounts which have been in your hands for some days may be considered read. The Auditors' Certificate reads as follows:—

"We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Company's Books, Accounts and Vouchers in Shanghai and the signed statements received from the Straits Agents and Estate Manager and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given us and as shown by the books of the Company.
(Sgd.) Lowe, Bingham & Matthews,
Auditors.
Shanghai, December 8, 1916."

The plan of the property which is interleaved in the Report varies only in minor details from that attached to the Report of the previous year. Owing to the new 500 acres piece not having yet been officially surveyed it was not possible to define its exact boundaries in this year's plan though you can see in which direction it lies. It is separated from the existing property by a ravine. Its area has now been confirmed to the Company. As soon as the official survey has been completed, a permit to enter and fell will probably be applied for by the Agents, but this depends largely on the question of labor which has always been a difficulty with the Estate, as I have often said when addressing you. I allude to this subject later on.

The only area actually planted up during the year was 9½ acres of Field 10 but our last piece of jungle land of the old holdings viz the 154 acres (Field 12) has been felled and cleared and is now being planted. This fact is an interesting one in the history of the Estate, as it means that the whole of the 1,021 acres available for cultivation, i.e. exclusive of 13 acres of swamp and the cattle grazing ground are now planted.

I think the shareholders may well congratulate themselves on having succeeded on a capital of Tls. 200,000 in completely planting over a 1,000 acres (of which over 60% are now in bearing) without the Company having had recourse to a loan of any sort.

The 154 acres are being planted with a spacing of 30 x 15.

Mr. Samson and myself both visited the Estate this year. We both visited several other Estates in the vicinity of Ayer Tawah as well as elsewhere, and it was quite evident to us, as it would be even to anyone who knew little of the Rubber growing districts of the F.M.S. that the Company is particularly fortunate in the situation of the Estate, its soil, the excellent natural drainage facilities and the manner in which these advantages have been turned to the best use.

Weeding shows an increase in cost over that of previous years. During the absence of Mr. Harrop or leave the Estate was then somewhat under-staffed and the result was that some of the fields got into a backward state by the time the Manager returned, and these required constant attention throughout the year. However the Visiting Agent in his report of December 5 stated that things were by then back again to their normal condition.

Average cost of tapping showed a further decline on that of the previous year namely St. $0.0947 compared with St. $0.1123. The standard of tapping continues to be of a high order.

The "all-in" cost of production, including estimated charges on Rubber in stock and in transit, was practically the same as that of the previous year St. $0.43.45 per lb as against St. $0.43.04 per lb, which, considering that recruiting charges came to Tls. 7,794.54 as compared with Tls. 5004 for the previous year, that freight charges have considerably increased and the fact that all materials used in manufacture and packing (coagulants, cases etc.) have augmented in price, this trifling increase must be considered quite satisfactory.

The output of dry rubber amounting to 275,310 lbs. exceeded the estimate by 5.310 lbs. The output for the current year is estimated at 340.000 lbs.

During the last six months we have been selling all our best grades of rubber in Singapore where prices for the same have been higher than in London. The rest of the rubber continues to be sold in London. The Board has only entered into one forward contract during the year viz one for 6 months for 3 tons per month 1st Crepe at 3/4½ per lb and 2 tons per month Ribbed Smoked Sheet at 3/4 per lb which expired last July. I may add that we have entered into another for 2 tons a month of best Crope for 6 months commencing December 1 at $146.50 per picul delivered Singapore.

The staff consisted of Mr. Harrop, Mr. Jeffrey (who arrived from home a year ago) Mr. Partridge and Mr. Crawford. Mr. Crawford has since left the Company's employ. Owing to the forthcoming expansion of the Estate the Board is negotiating for another assistant, as the present foreign staff is none too large to cope with the work.

You will probably recall in my speeches to you in the past frequent allusions to the question of shortage of labor. The result of the Manager's efforts in this direction which I referred to at our last annual meeting has been a total increase of 110 during the year under review, but that increase is not deemed nearly sufficient yet.

Ayer Tawah is one of the few rubber estates in the F. M. S. that is worked by Javanese labor. Managers seem inclined to regard Javanese with disfavor. Mr. Harrop however believes in them, and he is certainly justified in his belief, as most of those on Ayer Tawah have been there ever since the Estate was first opened up and when their contracts have expired have willingly remained, showing that they are happy and contented. But the difficulty of securing Javanese recruits in sufficient numbers, the official restrictions which have to be surmounted and the consequent delays have convinced the Manager that a Tamil and Chinese force must be employed as well, and as a result the Estate now has Tamil recruiters in India. A substantial Tamil force is gradually being built up and on December 30 numbered as many as 80.

The Visiting Agent has reported that the general health of the Estate remains at its usual high standard. The Estate continues to be remarkably free from diseases or pests.

During the year the following buildings have been completed:

Assistants Bungalow at a cost of St.	$2,500
Isolation Ward at a cost of St.	600
Hospital Bath House at a cost of St.	180
Stable and Garage at a cost of St.	600

Two new coolie lines are also in course of construction.

Messrs. Aylesbury and Nutter will be succeeded as Agents of the Company in the F.M.S. after the close of 1916 by Messrs. Barker and Co. of Penang and Singapore and our first grades of rubber will be sold by Messrs. Kimmel and Co. of Singapore who are affiliated with them. Our subsidiary grades will be sold in London by that firm's London House.

Sundry creditors—a total of Tls. 7,518.47 consist of—

	Tls.
Check roll and sundries at Estate	2,637.84
Estimated selling charges on Rubber in transit	922.24
Auditors fees	200.00
Manager's commission	3,758.39
	Tls. 7,518.47

Cash reserve account.—Tls. 10,000 was allocated to that account at the General Meeting last year and is represented in part by the investments effected during the year and these are shown on the assets side.

You will see on the assets side the total of Tls. 102,887.26 being the total of the sums written off development account in the years 1913 to 1915. We shall ask you to sanction the writing off of the total expenditure this year viz. Tls. 14,385.81 which will bring the Estate Development account back to Tls. 50,000; an exceedingly moderate figure considering the condition of the property.

Depreciations have been made on the following bases. Buildings 10% on first cost. Furniture 15 per cent on first cost. Machinery 20 per cent and Tools and Implements 33 1/3 per cent of Book value.

Sundry debtors Tls. 8,828.92 consist of:

	Tls.
Coolies advances and rations	729.82
Accrued interest	2,161.69
Rubber Sales, proceeds not received	5,937.41
	Tls. 8,828.92

Of the sum of Tls. 5,937.41 the whole has since reached the Company's hands.

The Investments costing Tls. 120,446.98 represent in part the payments for the 1,879 shares issued at the beginning of this year to provide the Capital for development of the new 500 acres, and also funds for the development of the existing areas not yet in tapping.

In Profit and Loss you will notice an item of Tls. 425 subscribed to the War Relief Fund. As I explained last year this is a Fund instituted in the F. M. S. and has in view, among other things, the upkeep of a Hospital for the care of Volunteers from the F. M. S. injured in the war. The Board proposes to make another donation of St. $500 to this Fund in the coming year which I trust has your approval.

In regard to Development account and under the heading "Rent Refund," I should explain that owing to the Company having taken advantage of the Country Lands Cultivation Enactment a refund of rent was secured amounting to the sum of Tls. 1,418.31 of which Tls. 893.51 was credited to Profit and Loss account and the balance viz Tls. 524.80 to Development account; the latter sum being the proportion charged to that account for the last 2 years.

The balance standing to credit of Profit and Loss after deducting the manager's commission and the sum of Tls. 65,637 paid in 3 interim dividends during the year is Tls. 98,763.50 (including Tls. 13,058.09 brought forward from last year) which the Board recommends shall be appropriated in the following manner:

	Tls.
To pay a final dividend of 20% (making 50% for the year)	43,758.00
.. write off Development account	14,385.81
,, transfer to General Reserve account	30,000.00
, carry forward	10,619.69
	Tls. 98,763.50

The following resolutions were then made and carried:

1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended September 30, 1916, as presented be accepted and passed. Proposed by Mr. J. H. Teesdale and seconded by Mr. Alex Samson.

2. That a Dividend of 20 per cent on the issued share capital of the company be declared and paid to the shareholders on the register, on December 20, 1916. Proposed by Mr. J. H. Teesdale and seconded by Mr. S. Selby Moore.

3. That the balance of Tls. 55,005.05 at credit of Profit and Loss a/c be appropriated as follows:

	Tls.
To Write off Development Account	14,385.81
To Transfer to General Reserve a/c	30,000.00
To Carry forward	10,619.69
Total	Tls. 55,005.50

Proposed by Mr. J. H. Teesdale and seconded by Mr. Leslie J. Cubbitt.

4. That Mr. Alex Samson be re-elected a Director of the Company. Proposed by Mr. C. Selby Moore and seconded by Mr. J. H. Teesdale.

5. That the remuneration of the Directors be fixed at Tls. 3,000 to be divided between them in such proportion and manner as they may determine. Proposed by Mr. J. H. Teesdale and seconded by Mr. J. W. Jackson.

6. That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mathews be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of Tls. 200. Proposed by Dr. J. W. Jackson and seconded by Mr. T. W. Cooke.

This terminated the meeting.

AMOY SENDS $639 MEX. TO AMERICAN RED CROSS

Special Correspondence of The China Press

Amoy, December 15.—On Thanksgiving Day it was announced at the Service held in Union Church that funds would be received at the American Consulate for ten days for the relief work of the American National Red Cross. This was closed on the 10th inst. and a day or two ago the auditing committee went over the account and found that the receipts totaled $639.75 Mex: A draft for the equivalent of this amount will be forwarded to the Treasurer at Washington, D. C. A part of this money was given by Chinese residents of the Philippine Islands. The interest and response of Americans in and to this appeal was very gratifying, especially that no subscription list was circulated or other means of raising funds resorted to. Money was sent by those interested to the American Consulate.

THE A.D.C. PANTOMIME

The great rush for seats for the four performances of this year's show which have been announced has greatly cheered the artists who have put in so much hard work and given so much time to ensure its success. They have unanimously resolved not to disappoint the public. Of this there need be no fear, for everybody connected with the production knows his or her business thoroughly, and all are united in their determination to give of their very best. There are very few seats left, and these should be applied for without any delay.

It may be as well to remind those who have not paid for the seats which they have booked to do so at once as by delay they may lose them. The rule is that only 24 hours grace is allowed in this matter, and many applications are being received at Messrs. Moutrie's for seats which may be re-sold.

HWANG HSING'S FUNERAL

The funeral of the late General Hwang Hsing will take place on Saturday, 23rd inst. The remains will be conveyed back to Hunan, his native place, on board a C. M. steamer. In order to pay tribute to the dead revolutionary leader, the Chamber of Commerce (Chinese) issued a notice yesterday to the Chinese merchants in the Settlements to the effect that flags shall be flown at half mast on that day. A joint memorial service in honor of Tsai Ao and Hwang Hsing has been arranged to be held in the Hunan Guild on December 28.

LANGKAT DAILY OUTPUT

The following telegraphic information has been received by the general agent from the Sumatra director and manager of the Maatschappij tot Mijn-Bosch-en Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat:

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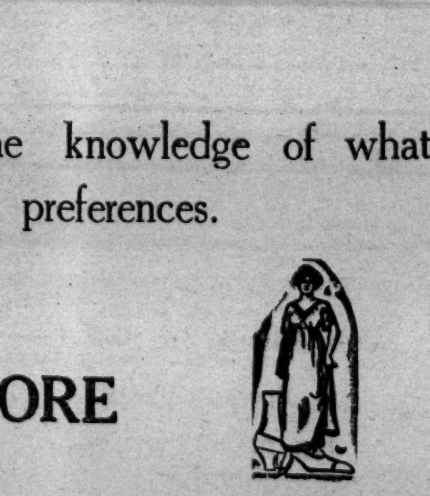

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SPORTS — Latest News of Athletic World — GOSSIP

TUNG WEN INSTITUTE WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Talmage College Close Second And a Talmage Man Is Individual Champion

Special Correspondence of The China Press

Amoy, December 9.—The 1916 Amoy Championship Games were held today under the patronage of His Excellency Taoyin Wang, on the Athletic Field at Lam Pho To.

Promptly at nine in the morning the ninety athletes entered marched on the track, headed by the brass band from the Government Middle School. They halted in front of the grand stand and H. E. the Taoyin delivered a short address in which he urged the competitors to do their best but to play the game in a fair manner.

The field had been beautifully decorated by students from the different schools the day before. The invited guests and spectators began arriving early and before many events had been run off there was a large crowd of enthusiastic people present.

The meet was in charge of the following officials.

Referee—Dr. J. H. Snoke.

Starter—T. M. Elliott.

Judges—Hon. Tachun S. K. Loh, Magistrate Mixed Court, Mr. Teh Chun-keng, Dr. F. S. Wang, Mr. S. F. Suen, Mr. Chen, Mr. Dodd.

Time Keepers—Mr. H. Renskers, Mr. John Bradshaw, Mr. H. J. P. Anderson.

Scorers—Mr. J. H. Moll, Mr. Hung Ching-po, Mr. Mah Tai-keng.

Clerks of the Course—Mr. Ding Seyhee, Mr. Lim Hak-tai, Mr. E. S. Sy, Mr. Lim Chin-beng.

Announcer—Mr. Ching Pui-man.

The winners of the events were as follows:—

100 Yards—1st, Tio Han-chun 11 1/5 sec. Tung Wen Institute; 2nd, Pek Goan, Anglo-Chinese College; 3rd, Ng Chemg-goan, Y.M.C.A.

Standing Br. Jump—1st, Lim Choohong 8 ft. 11½ in. Tung Wen Inst.; 2nd, Iap Chi-lei, Tung Wen Inst.; 3rd, Thia Khe-tiok, Anglo-Chinese Col.

High Jump—1st, Ng I-thai 5 ft. 1¾ in. Tung Wen Inst.; 2nd, Tan Chionggok, Tung Wen Inst.; 3rd, Iap Phinphin, Tung Wen Inst.

220 Yards—1st, Teh Hiong-siu 27 sec. Talmage College; 2nd, Thia Khetiok, Anglo-Chinese Col.; 3rd, Pek Goan, Anglo-Chinese Col.

Shot Put (12 lbs.)—1st, Teh Hiongsiu 30 ft. 10½ in. Talmage College; 2nd, Ng Kiau-ti, Talmage College; 3rd, Keh Thoan-cho, Gov't Middle School.

Running Br. Jump—1st Iap Phinphin 17 ft. 5 in. Tung Wen Inst.; 2nd, Pek Goan, Anglo-Chinese Col.; 3rd, Tio Han-chun, Tung Wen Inst.

Pole Vault—1st, Ng Kiau-ti 8 ft. 7¾ in. Talmage College; 2nd, Tan Chionggok, Tung Wen Inst.; 3rd, Sio Liu-bin, Talmage College.

440 Yards—1st, Teh Hiong-siu 1 min. 3 2/5 sec. Talmage College; 2nd, Tan Pheng, Tung Wen Inst.; 3rd, Teh Hui-seng, Anglo-Chinese Col.

880 Yards—1st, Teh Hiong-siu, Talmage College; 2nd, Liau Chiau-seng, Talmage College.

Mile Relay, (8 men)—1st, Tung Wen Institute 4 min. 5 sec.; 2nd. Talmage College; 3rd, Anglo-Chinese College.

Tung Wen Institute won the highest number of points and was given the fine silk embroidered banner prepared especially for this occasion. Talmage College was a close second and no-one knew who the winners would be until the finish of the Relay Race.

The winners of first place were given a silver medal, of second place a bronze medal and the third, a red ribbon properly printed. The individual winning the highest number of points was Mr. Teh Hiong-siu, of Talmage College, who was given a fine gold medal appropriately engraved.

The members of the Honorary Committee composed of the Government Officials and leading members of the gentry provided the funds for the expenses of the meet and also for the banner and medals.

The attendance on Saturday afternoon was well over three thousand.

WELLS HOLDS BRITISH HEAVY-WEIGHT TITLE

Downs Voyles Six Times In Two Rounds; Fight Stopped; Wilde Wins World's Fly-Weight

Reuter's Service

London, December 18.—In the World's Fly-weight Championship, Wilde knocked out the Zulu Kid of America, in the 11th round.

In a 20-round contest at the National Sporting Club, this evening, for the Heavy-weight Championship of Great Britain, between Staff-Sergeant Wells and Sergeant-Major Voyles, the latter was sent down three times in the first round, taking the count on one occasion to eight. In the second round, he was again sent down three times, taking counts of seven and nine and being hardly able to raise himself. The referee then intervened and declared Wells the winner.

Basketball

Two very brisk and interesting basketball league games were played at Town Hall yesterday evening, the Athletics meeting the Portuguese and the B. Co. playing the Indians.

The first half of the game between the Athletics and the Portuguese proved a goalless one for the latter, while Mead's team scored 48 points. The play was mostly near the Portuguese net, and height seemed to tell against them in their efforts to get the ball. In the second half the Lusitanians did better, earning 13 points against 28 for the Athletics. Mead was the star scorer for his side, contributing no less than 13 field goals, besides one on a foul.

The Indians played one man short but were able to hold their own against B. Co. and in both halves of the game led their opponents in the scores.

Mr. Dick umpired for the first game and Messrs. Squires and Neff had the whistles for the second game.

Total scores:—Athletics, 76; Portuguese, 14; Indians, 33; B. Co., 18.

Line-Ups:—

Athletics: — Mead, Rasmussen, Neergaard, Hall, Wilner.

Portuguese:—Diniz, Sequeira, Carion, J. Canavarro, J. C. Canavarro.

B. Co.:—Melville, Focken, Lanning, Billington, Crocker.

Indians:—Sarrett, Hening, Tinckham, Woodberry.

Field Goals:—Mead, 13; Rasmussen, 12; Neergaard, 12; Hening, 9; Starrett, 6; Crocker, 6; J. C. Canavarro, 4; Melville, 2; J. Canavarro, 1.

Foul Goals:—Mead, 1; J. Canavarro, 1; J. C. Canavarro, 1; Tinckham, 1.

Red Sox' Engagements

This evening, at 7 o'clock, on the Y. M. C. A. court, the Red Sox will try conclusions with the Y. M. C. A. Physical Directors team and on Saturday, at the Town Hall, starting at 6 p.m., they will oppose a squa from the Helena. The Red Sox team will be: Woods, Morrison and Nicholls, forwards; Hykes, center; Britton, Reeder and Luke, guards.

Billiards

J. V. Jensen is the first semi-finalist in this year's championship.

He entered the penultimate round at the expense of S. S. Nazer last night in a good game fought out at the Marine Engineers' Institute. Jensen got away at the start and could not help scoring for the balls were running his way and at the three hundred mark he was a hundred ahead. Nazer then made things more interesting with a nice 49 and later the score stood at 418-405. Later Nazer made a 41 off a safety miss but he never got ahead of his man and ultimately had to acknowledge defeat at 561.

The high breaks were:—

Jensen:—21, 20, 28, 28, 31, 20, 24 and 22.

Nazer:—26, 49, 41 and several nineteens.

The winner's average—6.6.

Porter Plays Tonight

Porter meets Wilson at the Marine Engineers' Institute at 5.30 this afternoon.

U.S. SAILORS ARRANGE PRE-CHRISTMAS SHOW

The fourth monthly social of the Buchman Club will be given on Saturday evening, December 23, at 8 o'clock, in the Navy Y.M.C.A. All the previous socials have been great successes but this pre-Christmas affair will outclass and dim all previous endeavors. Much thought and time have been given to each and every number of the program and an evening crowded with pleasure is assured all that attend.

The Buchman Club, under whose auspices the program is staged, consists of enlisted men drawn from the entire fleet, fully officered and comprising over 50 men. They are banded together for mutual advancement along all lines and for the promotion of the activities of the local Navy Y.M.C.A. Over 60 enlisted men will participate in the program, which is as follows:—

Band Selections by Ship's Orchestra.
Baritone Solo by Shultz, Brooklyn.
"Near Dancing" by Summers, Galveston.
Sketch "School Boys" by Buel, Stevens, Thrash, R. Smith, Ward, S. Smith, McClung.
Wrestling by McGibbon and Mikalocky, Brooklyn.
Battle Royal by 4 men from Brooklyn.
At the Piano by Seddon, Brooklyn.
Baritone Solo by O'Brien, Brooklyn.
Comedy and Dancing by Eckert, Brooklyn.
Boxing by Williams and Blackburn, Galveston.
Comedy Sketch by O'Brien and Swivell, Brooklyn.
Tenor Solo by Sweeney, Brooklyn.
Boxing by Hill and Fairbanks, Brooklyn.
Boxing by Keenan and Hassog, Brooklyn.
Novelty Recitation by Summers, Galveston.
Baritone Solo by Kruger, Brooklyn.
Novelty Dance by Rickard and Borgstrott, Galveston.
Battle Royal by Lancaster, Gillispie, Brandon and Stone, Galveston.

In the Courts

Mr. Musso on Stand

Sir H. de Sausmarez will give his summing up to the jury in the Kumsoo v. Shibbeth case at 10 a.m. today and the verdict will be given thereafter. The jurors in the hearing at the Supreme Court are Messrs. S. J. Halse, A. W. McPhail, F. J. Burrett, C. Matthews, and H. G. Evans.

Mr. R. N. Macleod appeared for plaintiff and Mr. R. F. C. Master for defendant.

Det.-Con. White yesterday said he had conducted many searches. He asked if the house was a sing-song house because of the appearance of the room. As far as he knew all the sing-song houses were to the south of Nanking Road. It would not be so strange to find a brothel in that neighborhood. He maintained that he specified the words "sing-song house." He did not use the word "brothel." The word which plaintiff's witnesses said he used would have been most offensive.

His Lordship (to witness)—What did you put that question to Mrs. Kumsoo for about the house being a sing-song house? It does not seem to me to have anything to do with the matter.

Witness—Because of the appearance of the room.

Mr. G. D. Musso said he had been and was now counsel for the Chinese Government. He had attended a number of opium searches. He was originally instructed by the Special Opium Commissioner with the consent of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs and subsequently by the Opium Combine.

Q.—Have you anything to do with getting the warrant?

A.—Nothing more than to put the application through.

Q.—How is the warrant obtained generally?

A.—The informant comes direct with the information to me. I go into it and if I consider it reliable I have a statement drawn up in English and Chinese containing the gist of the information.

His Lordship—Your client comes to you?

A.—An informer of the Opium Combine. Then the information is attached to an application. If the Court is sitting I go to the Mixed Court and when the Court retires I put it before the Assessor and Magistrate in Chambers. If it is after court hours I go to the Assessor, one of the two British Assessors. The Court or the Assessor, as the case may be, considers the information and if satisfied grants the warrant by endorsing the application: "Warrant to issue." The warrant so endorsed is then sent to the registrar where it goes through the usual formalities. It afterwards goes to the Senior Consul for counter-signature.

Q.—Was the usual procedure adopted in the present case?

A.—Yes, sure. In this case the informant did not come direct to me but I received the information already written both in Chinese and English with instructions to proceed.

His Lordship—You did not see the informant? A.—Not at the time. I knew he would wait for me at the Louza Station.

His Lordship—I think it is a good thing we are protected by extra-territorial rights if that is the way warrants are issued.

Witness then gave the story of the visit to plaintiff's house, corroborating counsel's opening and the evidence of defendant and Det. White. Plaintiff did not claim British nationality when the party entered. Witness would not have pursued the matter further if he had known his nationality. If plaintiff had told them then, witness would have stopped the search. He was perfectly aware he could not search the premises of a British subject on the warrant they had. Similar situations had arisen several times. When plaintiff said he was a British subject, on the stairs, witness asked why he did not say so before, and apologised for the search that had taken place.

In the afternoon evidence was given by Sub.-Insp. Kerrigan and D. S. Quayle of Louza Station. The latter said he believed Kumsoo had been a member of the Louza canteen for over twenty years.

Counsel then addressed argument to the judge and jury and the court adjourned at close on five o'clock.

Music on Sunday

On Sunday next, the band program at the Town Hall will be as follows:—

1.—Overture "Le Caid" .....Thomas
2.—(a) "Menuet de Manon" Massenet
(b) "Salut d'Amour" .....Elgar
3.—Suite "L'Arlesienne" .....Bizet
(a) Pastorale
(b) Intermezzo
(c) Menuet
(d) Farandole
4.—Symphonie Fantastic "A Ball" .....Berlioz
(2nd movement)
5.—Selection "Carmen" .....Bizet
(a) Prelude and Aragonaise
(b) Intermezzo
(c) Seguedille
(d) Les Dragons d'Alcala
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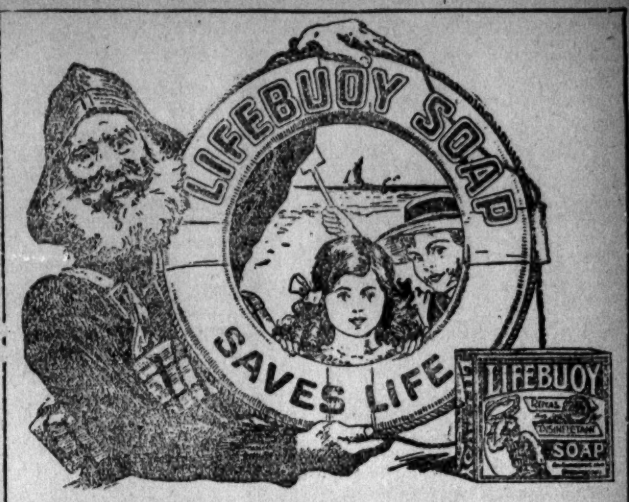

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17 More Americans Drowned!

FOLLOWING the Arabic and Marina cases, the British horse-transport Russian has been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean, entailing the loss at sea of 17 more Americans.

In an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the New York Times, on November 16, Under Secretary Zimmermann said:

"Our cruiser warfare with submarines is being conducted in strict compliance with the German prize regulations, which correspond to the international rules laid down and agreed to in the Declaration of London, and this despite the fact that England has refused to be bound by the London Declaration. Germany, accordingly, will continue to exercise her perfect good right to take these defensive measures."

Commenting on this utterance, the New York Times of November 17 said:

In weighing the Secretary's words it is necessary to remember that the German prize courts administer German law, whereas the British prize courts administer international law Within a few months a British prize court has decided adversely to the official view, which accordingly was modified favorably to neutrals. There is no such German case known. On the contrary, the Germany policy was shown to be prejudicial to neutrals by the decision of our courts in the Appam case.

The German Government and courts consider that the inability of submarines to save lives or cargo gives them privileges which the world considers inconsistent with humanity or law. Submarines sink merchantmen because they cannot take them into port. They put crews into small boats in the open sea because the submarines cannot accommodate them. German cruisers would not do so, yet German officials regard submarine warfare as "cruiser" warfare, and seek to justify it by the Declaration of London, which the world has not accepted as law. The approval of German prize courts may salve the German conscience, but they will not control the views of the courts of other nations which take other and more generally approved views of how war should be conducted at sea.

Since May thirty-three ships have been sunk without warning, and with the loss of 140 lives. It is idle for Herr Zimmermann to urge that England should be blamed for the acts done by Germans in retaliation for the alleged unlawful acts of England. The unlawfulness of the blockade would be no excuse for unlawful sinkings by cruiser warfare. When "armed" merchantmen are sunk without visit, search, or even notice, their defensive gun is no extenuation of the act of the submarine, which could not have known of its existence. Neutrals should view as leniently as they can the acts of belligerents done in desperation and self-defense. Neutrals are not called upon to extenuate unlawful acts done under the excuse of protecting neutral interests.

President Li Warns Army Cadets Against Politics

(Peking Gazette)

THE graduates of the Paoting Military Academy for officers were honored at their graduation exercises on Friday by the presence of the President, who, for the first time since his assumption of office as Chief Executive, went out of the Capital.

The President, attended by Generals Ying Chang, Ha Hang-chang and others, started from the Capital at 8.30 o'clock on Friday morning in a special car. The President arrived at Paoting at 11 a.m. and was met by the taoyin and magistrate of that district at the Station.

He drove to the graduation hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, in a motor car and was shown about the campus by the school authorities as soon as he arrived. He inspected the drill ground, the class rooms and the laboratory rooms of the Academy.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a distinguished gathering, with the President as the principal guest. He distributed prizes—field glasses, wrist watches and swords—to the five honor graduates. As a climax of the elaborate program, the President handed out diplomas to the graduates, and addressed them, laying special emphasis on the fact that after they received commissions in the army, their inalienable duty was to obey the orders of their superiors. The President also warned them against interference with politics. The President left the Paoting railway station at 1.40 the same afternoon and returned to the Capital at 5.15 o'clock.

Correspondence

No State Religion!

Editor, THE CHINA PRESS

Sir:—Since the proposal by certain prominent Chinese to bring before the Chinese Government a law hostile to the freedom of worship the best Christian writers from all parts of China have been publishing their views in the columns of my paper. Their articles have never been translated into English; but suffice to say, they exhibit a consummate skill in dialectics and a splendid knowledge of European history during the dark ages and after.

Many enlightened Chinese representing various bodies of Christians are now in Peking using their best endeavors to forestall the enactment of this obnoxious law; and telegrams to the President and Parliament have been sent from all parts of China by Chinese Christians who for the most part constitute the advanced position of the Progressive Party in China today.

Foreigners have no part nor lot in the matter but stand aside as interested well-wishers. The Law is strongly advocated by General Chang Hsun of Hsuchowfu and Hon. Kang Yu-wei, the noted reformer; and strenuously resisted by the clergy and educationalists. From our issue of today (Dec. 20) I have made a brief translation of an appeal which goes out to our readers in China and abroad. This appeal I append. Yours,

S. I. Woodbridge,
Editor "The Chinese Christian Intelligence."

AN APPEAL TO OUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN

By Delegates from the Catholic Episcopalian, Anglican, Presbyterian American Board, Methodist, London Mission and Independent Churches, representing 3,500,000 Christians throughout China.

Fellow Countrymen:—For two years the Government of China has been considering the Laws that should be enacted in a Constitutional Government. Among these is one which deeply concerns the welfare of our country. We refer to Section XIX, Art. 2, in which it is stated that Confucianism is the only basis of true morality and ethics. It is proposed to incorporate this in the Constitution of the Chinese Republic.

For two thousand years China has possessed no Constitutional Government, but our people have been free to worship according to the dictates of their own consciences. Confucius was one of China's honored sages; but morals and ethics existed before his age and while we do not mean to disparage his moral teaching, we wish to point out that the passage of such a law would have a deleterious effect upon our people and country. Among the evils and dangers of such an unjust law we mention four:

1. It would revive the old monarchic idea.
2. It would create afresh the invidious pre-Republican distinction between "the people" and Christians.
3. It would bar the progress of true democratic principles.
4. It would cause violent strife between the people represented by our five-colored flag, who belong to various religions.

We fail to see why our Government should at this time foist upon us this law which favors one single cult. With the experience of history in the west during the middle ages, why should this apple of discord be flung among our people to create disturbance and ill-feeling?

The late President was in favor of a monarchy; but he is dead and his ideas of absolutism have passed away. This proposed law smacks most disagreeably of effete monarchism and we trust that our Chinese people will agree with us that it should not be enacted. And this appeal is made to you brethren and fellow countrymen in order that our country may be kept from strife and discord and enabled peaceably to pursue her way along the path of progress.

Why The Armenians Were Killed

The Armenian, it appears, has only himself to blame for all his woes. If he would stay conquered and have no national aspirations and contribute his intelligence to the furtherance of Turkish wealth and comfort, the Turk would not massacre him or send him into exile. The massacres began almost as soon as the war started, and it has taken two years for an explanation to be forthcoming. The position of the Turkish Government has never been fully understood, says the Turkish Foreign Minister, Halil Bey, in an interview with the Associated Press representative, which comes from Vienna by way of Berlin and London. "The Young Turks have always looked upon the Armenians as a valuable asset of the Turkish Empire," says Halil Bey. "The fact is, we needed them," he acknowledges, and for these reasons:

"The country's commerce was largely in their hands and as farmers the Armenians have a great value. We did not look upon them as valuable chattels, however. We were willing to give them an equal share in the Government, which we did, as is shown by the fact that before the outbreak of the war we had a large number of Armenians in the Chamber of Deputies and also several Senators and a Minister. Nearly all the Vice-Ministers were Armenians because we recognised the ability of the Armenians and were ready to give them their political rights in the tenancy of a proportionate number of public offices.

"After the revolution all went well for a time, and the Young Turks hoped they had finally found a solution to the problem which had vexed the old regime in Turkey for many years and had retarded the progress of the country. The Balkan War, however, caused the Armenians again to take up their separatist ideals. Committees formed an organisation with the intention of securing for the Armenians an autonomous Government."

The Turkish Minister would be "the last man to deny a people self-government," but the case of the Armenians, he thinks, was not one for autonomy:

"The Armenians spread throughout Asia Minor and southern Russia are merely a majority in the districts usually designated as Armenian. Armenian autonomy, therefore would lead to the loss of the independence of the other Ottoman races. Under these conditions even the Young Turks were opposed to the Armenian plan, but in justice they wanted to give the Armenians a fuller share in the Government, which was done, and even our worst traducers can not deny that.

"When the war broke out we knew exactly what the Armenians were doing. More bombs, rifles, ammunition, and money had been brought into the country, and their organisation was made even more perfect. I was then President of the Chamber of Deputies and was very fond of the Armenian members, as I had always been a friend of that race. So I called the Armenian representatives together and asked what they intended doing. At the end of the conversation I told them I could sympathise with their ideals and had always done so as long as they were not entirely separatist.

"'Gentlemen,' I said, 'I fully understand your position and hope that you understand ours. We have engaged in a war in which we may go down. That will be your opportunity to make arrangements with the Entente, but bear in mind that the Ottoman Government will apply the most severe measures if you act against the Turks before you know we are conquered. Make your plans so that you can meet the Entente Powers with clean hands, which you can do by supporting us so far and no further than the law demands. I think the Entente statesmen will see the correctness of such conduct and will recognise your claim to autonomy. You can then take up the work where we left off and to which I wish you every success but bear in mind that we are not gone yet, and that the slightest false move on your part will bring trouble to all Armenians. Sit quiet and let us try this issue. When you are sure we have lost, go over to the Entente and get from them all you can.'"

Halil Bey represents the Ottoman Government as one on this point, "realising that this opportunity for the Armenians might come"; but despite this "the Armenians rose when the Russians invaded Asia Minor, and the Turkish Government took the measure which had been outlined to the Armenian leaders beforehand." The Armenian organisation, it is declared, made it impossible to confine the steps taken against them to a single locality in rebellion, "because the organisation was so perfect that only a sweeping measure at the first hint of an uprising could meet the situation." Halil Bey continues:

"I will say that the loss to the Ottoman Empire through the deportation of the Armenians has been immense. The Armenian is able and industrious, and, therefore, valuable in the economic scheme; but what could be done? We were at war and obliged, therefore, to employ every means to make secure our own position, which was betrayed so basely through our confidence."

Post-War Bars Against Germans

(Paris Correspondence New York Annalist)

The pre-war policy of "peaceful penetration" so successfully adopted by the Germans has long been felt in every commercial center of the world. France, during the past decade, was particularly unfortunate in this respect. Companies in some instances bearing old Norman names but with German directors and staffs recruited from the other side of the Rhine, sprang up with increasing frequency. So much so, in fact, that one quarter of the capital—the Rue de l'Echiquier and the surrounding neighborhood—had, a year or so before the war, actually become more German than French.

Thousands of adventurous clerks and others managed to find situations in the more important industrial towns, often engaged by shortsighted employers because they were content to work longer hours for lower wages than the native workman. The excuse was the time-worn one—a desire to learn the language; the real motive, however, was of quite a different nature. As a result, several of the cheaper lines in French trade were practically captured by these self-sacrificing aliens before the country really woke up to the fact.

The biggest commercial information bureau in France—Schimmelpfeng's—eventually developed into the most important and best equipped concern of its kind. Incidentally, it helped France to close many thousands of orders and much money. In addition, by virtue of its unique situation it became an international spy bureau of the most up-to-date kind. Today it appears very strange that such an institution could have been established here after the war of 1870. It goes to show what short memories nations frequently possess and how quickly the horrors of past wars may be forgotten by succeeding generations.

Following the outbreak of hostilities certain firms in France of dubious origin proclaimed their sympathies with the country of their adoption. It was indeed surprising to find how many Swiss, Dutch and soi-disant British houses there were in Paris alone, while every doubtful Austrian was a Pole or a Slav, and, later on, Turks became Syrians or Armenians with astonishing celerity. Prompt revision of all foreigners, permis de sejour, and a closer inspection of the composition of every trading concern in the country soon put an end to any attempted evasion of the new laws, and it is safe to say there is not a single enemy firm in France today that has not been sequestered.

Whether they will be permitted to resume operations after peace is signed is extremely doubtful. Naturally, much depends upon the conditions of peace, but it is no mere figure of speech to say that the feeling here is very bitterly opposed to any resumption of commercial intercourse with Germany, whatever the professional economists may say. The enterprising Hun, in peace or war, is an interesting psychological study to a Frenchman—his methods are so curiously alike. In warfare, when he cannot get his enemy out of the trenches by legitimate combat, he squirts flaming liquid at him as an alternative. Men who have been burned and seared by this "scientific" mode of attack are apt to have long and painfully acute memories. They also have votes—they may even be legislators. In peace time on the other hand, the commercial Hun often got over the natural antipathy of Frenchmen by naturalising himself and becoming—for business reasons—an ardent "badriot." It is precisely to stop this rather transparent subterfuge in the future that Minister Viviani has placed a bill before the Senate which makes some drastic changes in the present laws governing naturalisations.

The draft of the new bill contains among others, the following clauses:

(a) Children born in France of foreign parentage will not acquire automatically French nationality when attaining their majority as in the past.

(b) This will only be accorded after a rigorous inquiry into the record of the applicant.

(c) Definite proof of attachment to the country of adoption must likewise be furnished.

(d) Naturalised subjects will only be eligible to vote, or to hold any public office, ten years following the granting of a certificate of naturalisation, and at any age ten years above that at which a native Frenchman becomes eligible to fulfill such officers.

(e) An amendment provides for all those foreigners who fought for France during the present war, either in the French or the allied armies.

Th se restrictions are, however, not of a commercial nature, a d a deputy (M. Landry) is not satisfied to let German or alien hou es—no matter how disguised—us rp the rightful position of he Fr nch commercant. He has, therefore, framed a bill by virtue of which all foreigners holding positions as managers or Directors of banks, insurance companies, and shipping firms, agents, brokers and other in ermediaries must make periodical declarations of their nationality and of the offices they hold to the Ministry of Commerce. Non-compliance with the proposed law would be met by the infliction of fines varying from 100 francs to 10,000 francs. Declarations would also be exacted from Frenchmen holding similar positions on behalf of foreign firms, the Minister being empowered to refuse his sanction to the retaining of any of the previously mentioned posts. Limited companies might be asked at any given time to disclose their share registers, and to produce any contracts they may have made with foreign houses or agents, the Minister likewise having the right to cancel the latter if deemed contrary to the national interests.

The impression here is that Minister Viviani's bill will probably became law, while M. Landry's will be sympathetically received and then pigeonholed, unless some of the more contentious clauses are deleted.

War From The Front Door

By George Edgar

About eleven o'clock the other night I was sitting in my home playing a game of patience—an excellent game to go to bed upon. My wife was sewing before the wood fire. Our children were asleep in the upper rooms. It was the quiet hour which comes as a blessing to most homes—the hour when every part of the day's routine has ended.

As I played patience the windows of my room suddenly shivered ominously, and above the noise of the sea tumbling against the cliffs outside and the ascending whisper of the wind I heard the unmistakable boom of a distant gun.

I scattered the cards hastily, for patience and big guns have no affinity. In a few seconds I stood alone at my front door. And, literally, in those same seconds I passed from patience and the fireside to immediate contact with a great war. With a magician's carpet one may travel far in the "Arabian Nights," but I do not think even the whole resources of magic can provide a more formidable contrast than the one which took me in a few moments from the quiet serenity of home life to a raging battle.

Outside, the world seemed its old, beautiful, familiar self. The wind whistled its accustomed song in the trees. I could see them in bulky silhouette on either side of the lawn. At the end of the grass plot there was the promenade, and along it, in the dark, a pair of lovers paced slowly, arm in arm. Beneath the cliffs the risen tide was crashing with slow and measured beat of waves. I heard the chug of a motor-engine and saw the dark shape of a pinnace steal across the bay. Afar out a line of steamships held up in the Downs looked like a West End street bravely lighted for festival purposes. Behind, the lightship made its resolute signals.

Above, the stars winked in a cloudless sky. Indeed, a quiet and familiar world, and a fitting setting for anyone who desired to sit and dream in the dark and come to a closer understanding of the wonder and dignity of night and the vastness of time and space. Oddly and beautifully familiar the outlook from one's home; and yet——

Boo-oo-oom! No mistaking the signs in these strange days. The searchlight out at sea was anxiously probing the darkness. She was asking questions of the night, as were the rapid succession of flares, blazing up and dying away, exaggerating the darkness, and when out leaving it more mysterious still. And then boo-oom!—the long noise with the short sound behind it, the road that seems to end with a sighing, discontented gulp. The thing going boo-oom was speaking a language I have begun to understand. Gunfire and a succession of vivid flares. Silence and a darkness that became a huge questioning shadow. More lights and the crashing of big guns. Then the dull reverberations of a great explosion—probably a torpedo ripping something to smithereens. Boo-oom boo-oom—this time rapidly and angrily; the play of a searchlight and more flares; another long rumbling explosion. So—for perhaps half an hour. A battle in the night, of the progress of which the landsman could make nothing.

Meagre News

Then came darkness and quiet again; darkness and quiet unbroken; the darkness and quiet of a thousand familiar nights. And I was still standing sentinel in the gloom. The wind whistled through the trees. The sea sang its melancholy song. The lovers paced the promenade. My children slept in the rooms upstairs. If I chose there was the fire and the interrupted game of patience. When I returned my wife was putting the last button on a baby's gown. The battle that had raged outside was over. I took the time-honored British nightcap and the fourth last pipe, and so, as Pepys might say, to bed. And in the next house to mine, on the terrace, dwelling in the same security, was a dispossessed family of Belgian refugees.

The newspapers were meagre the next day. Not until the evening was the record of the night's doings released, and then it was only put in cold official terms. Still, the town was white-hot with information—mostly inaccurate. The battle on the sea had been witnessed from a thousand homes—that is, we had heard the roar of guns, seen the flares, and guessed at the rest.

Of course we all knew the truth about those dread noises in the night, though we had been in the baffling and humiliating position of the little boy who watches a football match from the outside of the ground and through the chinks of the palisadings. Sometimes, our Navy had sunk the entire German Grand Fleet. Again, the German Grand Fleet had sunk us. The engagement had been an affair with cruisers. No—it had only been a little scrap among the "T B s." Quite as popular was the positive opinion that there had been something doing between drifters, submarines, and Zeppelins.

By noon we had developed an attempted German landing quite easily repulsed. And so on—all the rumor of absorbing interest, and most of it true to Dame Rumor's reputation as a lying jade. The Admiralty shattered a number of great British victories that day, all possessing the Nelson touch, by crisply stating the facts in about ten bald lines. All who read the brief statement gleaned as much of the battle as I did who witnessed it from the front door of my home.

The Man Who Knew

The only man I know who saw more of it than most of us was an ordinary little chap going to his home. I met him at noon on the top of a tramway-car. He had been on night work. He was a middle-aged sailor-man "in" for two days after being "out" for forty-eight hours. He was talkative, as sailors are when they come safe to harbor after dirty weather. He talked a lot of immaterial things. They had had a stinking trip. He was going home and was glad of the opportunity. He hoped—how he hoped!—the missus would have a good hot meal ready. His fancy ran persistently to stewed rabbit, and he looked as if the smell of such a stew would make him smile expansively.

Also, I pictured him for the rest of the leave. There would be the much-appreciated wife greeted with the reticence that sometimes glorifies affection. Also, there would be a baby crawling to the neat black boots under the wide blue trousers. I know there would be a hot meal, and I sincerely hope, because he dwelt upon it, that his noon dinner was a savory of stewed rabbit. Then there would be a clay pipe, much colored, going full blast in the little best room, where a vivid print of the King holds the place of honor and two china dogs guard a mantelpiece on either side of a great mirror decorated with chins of tissue-paper.

Yes, the little sailor was going home from his job like a clerk, a shopman, or a policeman. He would have his meal and take his pipe in the parlor. Also, he would fall asleep, with the pipe probably burning a hole in his blue serge trousers. And at night, like a law-abiding citizen, he would take the said much-appreciated wife and the baby to the pictures. The sailor was going home, as men do go home, to the ordinary priceless things of human existence—a prosaic man with a good wife, a bouncing baby, and a rabbit stew in the offing. The only difference between him and a clerk or a shopman was that he had been on night duty.

His "T.B." had been where the flares blazed and the searchlights questioned the darkness, and he had been near to the angry guns that spoke across the darkened sea. He went home to his wife and baby inspired by the thought of rabbit pie, and remained as close as an oyster about the work of the night.

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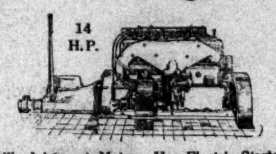

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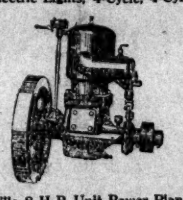

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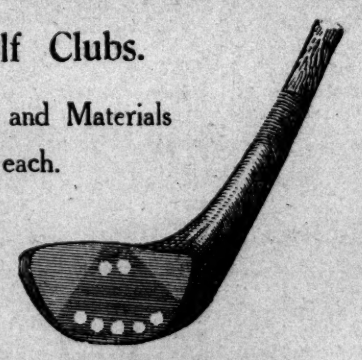

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Full Text of Germany's Reply To U. S. Over Deportations

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

Berlin, December 13.—(delayed). The Deutscher Ueberseedienst reports: With regard to the question of the Belgian unemployed, the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung has published the text of the communication made by the Government of the United States to Germany and also the text of the answer transmitted today. The answer reads as follows:

"The Government of the United States of America has protested against the compulsory employment for work of the Belgian unemployed, which step was taken from the point of view that these measures are in contravention of human principles and of international practice as to the treatment of the population of occupied territories. The German Government thinks that the Government of the United States of America has been incorrectly informed about the cause and the execution of the measures taken and it therefore considers it appropriate to first explain the facts in detail.

"In Belgium, unemployment, since a considerable time, has been extending in a perplexing way among the industrial working men. This problem of unemployment has been caused by the British policy of isolation, which has cut off Belgian industry from the importation of raw materials and from the exportation of manufactured goods, thus bringing most of the Belgian work to a standstill. By this measure, almost half of the workingmen of the Belgian factories, numbering, in round figures, altogether more than 1,200,000, were deprived of the possibility of earning a living and many more than half a million Belgians, who formerly supported themselves by industrial work, were thus made dependent on public relief.

"When adding the members of the families of these people, the number increases threefold, to 1,500,000 in round figures. From the standpoint of Belgian economic life, for which the unemployed form a heavy burden, from the standpoint of public order and public morals, which are most dangerously affected by the general unemployment and its accompanying consequences, this situation makes it extremely desirable and urgent that efficient measures for improvement should be taken. This necessity has been recognised and has been pointed out also by fair-minded Belgians since a long time.

"Under such conditions, the Governor-General at Brussels, on May 15, 1916, issued an order, by which persons enjoying public relief and declining without sensible reasons to accept or to continue work corresponding to their abilities will have confinement or coercive labor imposed on them. The Belgian industries being in a depressed state, it was impossible to procure work for all unemployed, or at least employment in Belgium herself.

"The only thing possible, therefore, was to assign to them work in Germany, where a large number of Belgian working-men had already voluntarily accepted work, were perfectly fed, receiving high wages and enjoying a far-reaching liberty of movement. For those working men who do not support their families, however, coercive labor was introduced.

"These measures are completely in accordance with international law. According to paragraph 43 of The Hague regulations for land warfare, an occupying power is obliged to care for the maintenance of public order and public life in occupied districts and, for this purpose, as far as the country's own laws prove to be insufficient, to issue complementary orders. The maintenance of public order doubtless implies that able-bodied persons, as far as they live on public charity and by their idleness become a public calamity and a nuisance, should be held to work.

"The order has been carried out under the observance of all possible considerations and without harshness. If isolated mistakes have been made in the selection of the persons sent to Germany and if, especially, the measure has been extended also to persons to whom the conditions of the order of May 15, 1916, do not apply, this has been caused by the fact that the Belgian authorities frequently failed to cooperate in the drawing up of the lists of unemployed or by their reporting in an incorrect way.

"Care has been taken that such mistakes are made good as quickly as possible, for, above all, it is to be insisted upon that only such persons are sent to Germany who receive public support, who find no work in Belgium and who refuse the work offered to them in Germany. The unemployed are bing sent from the central receiving places, which have been established at Altengrabow, Guben, Cassel, Meschede, Muenster, Soltau and Wittenberg, to their working places, where they are to be employed in agricultural and industrial establishments.

"Employments to which a hostile population cannot be coerced, in accordance with international law, are, of course, excluded. If the Government of the United States attaches importance to it, a member of its Embassy in Berlin will be permitted with pleasure to inform by a personal visit about the conditions under which these persons are living.

"The German Government greatly deplores that, by a slandering press campaign of her enemies, the conditions as explained above have been completely distorted in the United States. The German Government would likewise extremely deplore, not at the least in the interest of the Belgian population, if, by these distortions, the highly beneficial action of the relief committee should be hampered.

"The German Government finally feels obliged to point out the fact that the deportation of the German population from parts of Germany and from German Colonies occupied by hostile troops, especially the deportation of women, children and old persons from Eastern Prussia to Siberia, as far as it is known here, has not given to neutral States an inducement to take steps against the respective Governments similar to those now being taken against Germany. At all events, there can be no doubt that the enemy measures mentioned were gross violations of the laws of humanity and of the rules of international law, while, after the explanations given, the measures of the German Government are absolutely in accordance with these principles."

Then The Fun Began

Shareholders of The Bank of China Here Oppose Peking Order

Although Mr. Chang Kung-chuen, Assistant Manager of the Bank of China, Shanghai Branch, has been permitted to remain at his post instead of being transferred to Chungking in the same capacity, as reported yesterday, a new fear is entertained by the shareholders here on learing that Dao Siang, a representative of the head bank at Peking has been appointed to Shanghai for the purpose of negotiating with the Shareholders' Union here to draw a certain amount of silver from the Shanghai bank. This step is taken on account of scarcity of silver in the bank in Peking.

Chang Chien and other heavy shareholders are making efforts against such a drawing, which might cause panic in the local market at the approach of the Chinese New Year. Two Chinese attorneys have been engaged to bring the case before the District Court. The plea is that the reserved silver now in the vaults of the bank, which is Tls. 2,790,000 approximately, should be kept here in order to preserve the market. We are informed that Chief Judge Yuen has given his assent to the request and definite action is expected in the course of a few days.

It is also reported that the shareholders are so determined that should the government do anything dangerous to the position of the Bank here they will demand that their shares be refunded.

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Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

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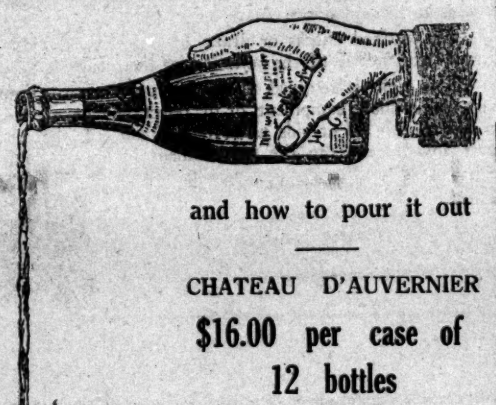

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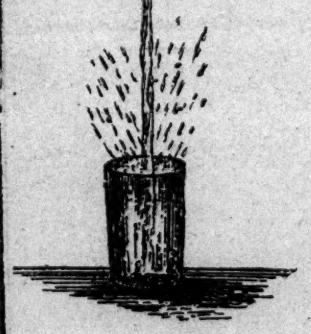

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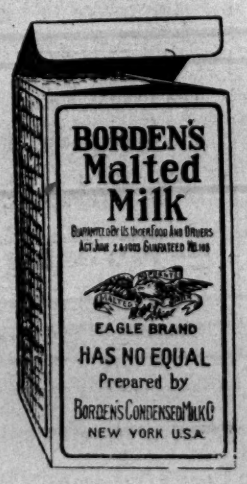

1. Keep it cool and out-of-doors as much as possible.
2. Give it plenty of boiled water.
3. Make its food light. You, yourself, don't eat as much heavy meat in summer as in winter. Lighten your baby's diet.

Also don't give him raw cow's milk with its heavy indigestible curd and germs of summer complaint—summer complaint that kills more babies than any other cause in the world.

Give it Borden's Malted Milk.

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Contents of a $9.00 Hamper:
1 pt. Mauler Swiss Champagne
2 qts. Old Tom Gin
1 qt. French Vermouth
2 qts. Graves (a dry White Wine)
2 qts. Medoc (French Claret)
1 pt. Bourgogne
1 qt. Fine Old Sherry
1 pt. Nuyens' Peppermint
1 pt. Nuyens' Curacao (Red or White)

Contents of a $15.00 Hamper:
1 pt. Sparkling Nuits Extra Dry Régnier, Moser & Co.
2 qts. Graves .. A de Luze et Fils
1 qt. Neuchâtel White (Château d'Auvernier) Jean de Montmollin
2 qts. St. Estephe A de Luze et Fils
1 qt. Sassella Schneller, Calonder & Co.
1 qt. Moulin à Vent (Burgundy) Régnier, Moser & Co.
1 „ Old Tom Gin
1 „ French Vermouth Noilly-prat
1 „ Old Pale Brandy Jules Robin & Co.
1 „ Port Wine (full moon) Thomas C. Sandeman

Contents of a $20.00 Hamper:
1 qt. Champagne Extra Dry Louis Roederer
2 qts. Graves Royal Sec. A. de Luze et Fils
1 qt. Neuchâtel White (Château d'Auvernier) Jean de Montmollin
2 qts. Margaux A. de Luze et Fils
1 qt. Cortaillod (Red) Caves du Palais .. Wavre, S. A.
1 qt. Pommard (Guichard-Potheret) or Regnier-Moser & Co.
1 „ Peppermint .. Get Frères.
1 „ Elixir (a liqueur similar to Chartreuse Les Fils de P. Bardinet (or one pint D.O.M.)
1 „ Port Wine (full moon) Thomas C. Sandeman
1 „ Sherry Fine Old Oloroso Matthew Clark & Sons

Contents of "All Swiss" $21.00 Hamper:
2 qts. Swiss Champagne Cuvée Reservée .. Mauler & Co.
3 „ Neuchâtel White (Château d'Auvernier) Jean de Montmollin
1 qt. Dézaley White Henri Contesse
1 „ Swiss Johannisberg White Henri Contesse
1 „ Dôle du Valais Red E. Gilliard & Co.
1 qt. Cortaillod Red (Caves du Palais) .. Wavre, S. A.
1 „ Vermouth au quina Kübler et Romang
1 „ Kirschwasser Kübler et Romang
1 „ Gentiane Kübler et Romang
and free of charge, one tin Gruyère Cream Cheese.

Contents of a $25.00 Hamper:
1 qt. Champagne Extra Dry Louis Roederer
1 pt. Champagne Extra Dry Louis Roederer
3 qts. Graves Royal Sec. A. de Luze et Fils
2 „ Chateau Paveil de Luze A. de Luze et Fils
1 qt. Neuchatel White (Caves du Palais) Wavre, S. A.
1 „ Pommard (Guichard Potheret) or Regnier-Moser & Co.
1 pt. Peppermint .. Get Freres
1 qt. Five stars Brandy (V.O.O.B.) Bisquit-Dubouché & Co.
1 „ Sherry, Fine Old Oloroso Matthew Clark and Sons.

Contents of a $45.00 Hamper:
2 qts. Champagne Extra Dry, Vintage 1916 Louis Roederer
1 qt. Clos Blanc de Vougeot Régnier, Moser & Co.
2 qts. Chambertin Régnier, Moser & Co.
2 „ Château Vedrines A. de Luze et Fils
2 „ Chateau Léoville A. de Luze et Fils
1 qt. Cognac Extra Bisquit-Dubouché & Co.
1 „ Bénedictine (D. O. M.)
1 „ Kirschwasser Kübler et Romang

Contents of $60.00 Hamper "DE LUXE"
3 qts. Champagne Extra Dry, Vintage 1906 Louis Roederer
2 „ Château Yquem A. de Luze et Fils
2 „ Château Margaux A. de Luze et Fils
2 „ La Tâche Romanée Régnier, Moser & Co.
1 qt. Cognac Extra Bisquit-Dubouché & Co.
1 „ Eau de vie de Marc de Vougeot Régnier, Moser & Co.
1 „ Sherry Extra, Gout Anglais A. de Luze et Fils

Any required alteration or combination made. See our price list.

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"The Swiss House"
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS

BENJAMIN AND POTTS SHARE LIST

Yesterday's Prices

STOCK	Quotations Closing
Banks	
H. K. and S. B.	$600 B.
Chartered	£59 10s.
Russo-Asiatic	R. 250.
Cathay, ordy	Tls. 5 B.
Cathay, pref	Tls. 6
Marine Insurances	
Canton	$400 S.
North China	Tls. 152½
Union of Canton	$945.
Yangtsze	$255 S.
Fire Insurances	
China Fire	$155
Hongkong Fire	$375 B.
Shipping	
Indo-China Pref.	Tls. 128
Indo-China Def.	
"Shell"	104s.
Shanghai Tug (o)	Tls. 18½
Shanghai Tug (f)	Tls. 50
Kochien	Tls. 35
Mining	
Kaiping	Tls. 9.60
Oriental Cons.	30s. 6d.
Philippine	Tls. 1.
Raub	$2¼ B.
Docks	
Hongkong Dock	$131 B.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 90
New Eng. Works	Tls. 13½
Wharves	
Shanghai Wharf	Tls. 82
Hongkong Wharf	Tls. 85½ B.
Lands and Hotels	
Anglo-French Land	Tls. 84½ B.
China Land	Tls. 50
Shanghai Land	Tls. 85½
Weihaiwei Land	Tls. 3.
Central Stores	$8½ B.
China Realty (ord.)	Tls. 50.
China Realty (pref.)	Tls. 50.
Cotton Mills	
E-wo	Tls. 167½
E-wo Pref	Tls. 105
International	Tls. 72
International Pref	Tls. 74 S.
Laou-kung-mow	Tls. 80
Oriental	Tls. 44
Shanghai Cotton	Tls. 118 Sa.
Kung Yik	Tls. 14½ B.
Yangtszepoo	Tls. 6½
Yangtszepoo Pref	Tls. 101
Industrials	
Butler Tile	Tls. 23
China Sugar	$131½ B.
Green Island	$11¾ B.
Langkats	Tls. 21¾ B.
Major Bros.	Tls. 5
Shanghai Sumatra	Tls. 165
Stores	
Hall and Holtz	$15 B.
Llewellyn	$60
Lane, Crawford	$90
Moutrie	$35
Watson	$6.80 B.
Weeks	$18 S.
Rubbers (Local)	
Alma	Tls. 14
Amherst	Tls. 1½
Anglo-Java	Tls. 11 Sa.
Anglo-Dutch	Tls. 5¾ Sa.
Ayer Tawah	Tls. 38 X D Sa
Batu Anam 1913	Tls. 1¾
Bukit Toh Alang	Tls. 5 S.
Bute	Tls. 1.70
Chemor United	Tls. 1.70 B.
Chempedak	Tls. 16.
Cheng	Tls. 3.10 Sa.
Consolidated	Tls. 3¼ B.
Dominion	Tls. 12¾ B.
Gula Kalumpong	Tls. 7¾ Sa.
Java Consolidated	Tls. 21 B.
Kamunting	Tls. 7 Sa.
Kapala	Tls. 1.10.
Kapayang	Tls. 30½
Karan	Tls. 16.
Kota Bahroes	Tls. 10¾ Sa.
Kroewoek Java	Tls. 20½
Padang	Tls. 16.20
Pengkalan Durian	Tls. 10¼
Permata	Tls. 4½ S.
Repah	Tls. 1.60
Samagagas	Tls. 1 B.
Seekee	Tls. 7½ B.
Semambu	Tls. 1.85
Senawang	Tls. 15 B.
Shanghai Klebang	Tls. 1.20
Shanghai Malay	Tls. 8
S'hai Malay-Pref	Tls. 13.
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 1.72½ Sa
Sungala	Tls. 1.60
Sungei Duri	Tls. 11¾
Sua Manggis	Tls. 6 Sa.
S'hai Kalantan	Tls. 1.20
Shanghai Seremban	Tls. 1.10
Taiping	Tls. 2½
Tanah Merah	Tls. 1.12½
Tebong	Tls. 23½ S.
Ulobri	Tls. 2
Ziangbe	Tls. 6¼ B.
Miscellaneous	
C. I. and E. Lumber	Tls. 110
Cully Dairy	Tls. 10
S'hai Elec. and Asb.	$2
Shanghai Trams	Tls. 81 S.
Shanghai Gas	Tls. 22
Horse Bazaar	Tls. 30
Shanghai Mercury	Tls. 30.
S'hai Telephone	Tls. 87 S.
S'hai Waterworks	Tls. 265

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Exchange and Bullion

Shanghai, December 20, 1916.
Money and Bullion

Gold Dollar Bank's buying rate 85⅝ = Tls. 1.17 @ 72.5 =	$1.61 Tls.
Mex. Dollars: Market rate.	72.325
S'hai Gold Bars: 978 touch	—
Bar Silver	—
Copper Cash	1758
Sovereigns:	
Buying rate @ 3/6½—Tls.	5.64
Exch. @ 72.5 = Mex. $	7.78
Peking Bar Tls.	306
Native Interest	.11

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver	—
Bank rate of discount	6%
Market rate of discount:—	
3 m-s.	%
4 m-s.	%
6 m-s.	%
Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s.	
Ex., Paris on London Fr.	27.80
Ex., N. Y. on London T.T. $	476⅞
Consols £	—

Exchange Closing Quotations

London	T.T.	3-6½
London	Demand	3-6⅞
India	T.T.	261½
Paris	T.T.	492½
Paris	Demand	493
New York	T.T.	84¼
New York	Demand	84⅜
Hongkong... (nominal)	T.T.	70
Japan	T.T.	60⅝
Batavia	T.T.	204½

Bank's Buying Rates

London..nominal 4 m-s. Cdts.	3-7⅛
London.nominal 4 m-s. Docy.	3-7⅛
London..nominal 6 m-s. Cdts.	3-8¼
London.nominal 6 m-s. Docy.	3-8⅜
Paris ..... nominal 4 m-s.	508½
New York....nominal 4 m-s.	87¼

CUSTOMS HOUSE RATE OF EXCHANGE FOR DECEMBER

£1 = Hk. Tls.		5.12
Hk. Tls. 1 = Francs		5.43
„ „ 1 = Marks		†4.44
Gold $1 = Hk. Tls.		1.08
Hk. Tls. 1 = Yen		1.82
„ „ 1 = Rupees		2.93
„ „ 1 = Rouble		3.34
„ „ 1 = Mex.		$1.50

† Nominal.

Stock Exchange
Transactions

Shanghai, December 20, 1916.
TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

Official
Cathays (Ord) Tls. 5.00
Shanghai Cotton Tls. 118.00
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 5.75
Anglo-Javas Tls. 11.00
Gulas Tls. 7.75
Kamuntings Tls. 7.00
Kota Bahroes Tls. 10.75
Shanghai Pahangs Tls. 1.72½
Sua Manggis Tls. 6.00

Sharebrokers Association
Transactions

Shanghai, December 20, 1916.
BUSINESS DONE

Official
Shanghai Cottons Tls. 117.00 cash
Chemors Tls. 1.70 cash
Anglo-Javas Tls. 11.00 cash
Direct
Langkats Tls. 22.25 cash
Samagagas Tls. 1.05 cash
Consolidated Tls. 3.50 cash

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BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd.

Notice to Consumers of Gas

Owing to the advance in the price of coal, the Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd., begs to notify its consumers that the undermentioned prices will be charged for Gas from January 1st, 1917, throughout the Foreign and Native Settlements of Shanghai.

Lighting, Cooking & Heating $1.80 per 1000 c.ft.

Gas Engines & Chinese Cookers $1.70 per 1000 c.ft.

Alleyway Lamps $1.50 per month.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GEO. R. WINGROVE,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 18th December, 1916.
12099

The Senawang Rubber Estates Company, Limited.

The Directors of the above named Company have declared a Second Interim Dividend of 8% equal to FORTY Tael Cents per share—payable on and after the 21st December, 1916, to shareholders on record on that date.

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th to 21st December, 1916, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
HUGO REISS & CO.
Secretaries & General Managers.

Shanghai, 7th December, 1916.
11915

SECOND 5½% RUSSIAN INTERNAL SHORT TERMED LOAN OF 1916.

Rbls. 3,000,000,000.00 reimbursable at par on the 14th of October, 1926.

Subscription to the above loan is opened in Russia on the 14th of November up to the 26th of December, 1916.

The price of issue is 95%.

The Loan is entirely free of Income Tax and of other taxations.

The Loan will not be converted before the date fixed for reimbursement.

Coupons are payable in Russia half yearly on the 14th of April and 14th of October.

Interest on the above Loan runs from the 1/14 of October ,1916—this is to be taken into consideration when subscribing and added to the price of issue.

The Russo-Asiatic Bank and its Branches in China, Japan and India are ready to accept applications for the above named loan.

Special favourable rates will be quoted for Russian Exchange.

Applications will be wired to grad free of telegraphic charges and commission. The Bank is ready to give every facility to subscribers in the shape of advances against the Bonds.

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11583

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12057

SHANGHAI-NANKING AND SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAYS.

Premium on Subsidiary Coins

It is notified that the undermentioned rules in connection with the payment of fares and freight charges of all kinds will be in force at all the stations on this Railway with effect from the 1st January, 1917:—

(a) For all charges collected by Station Masters amounting to over fifty cents ($0.50) dollar coins will be asked for and collected from passengers.

(b) All charges amounting to not less than ten cents ($0.10), but not more than fifty cents ($0.50) will be collected (subject to the rates in the list of premium charges) in small silver coins,

(c) All charges amounting to less than ten cents ($0.10) will be accepted, or returned as change, in copper coins.

2. A premium of two copper cents will be collected for every fare or part of a fare of not more than ten cents or not less than six cents, and a premium of one copper cent for a fare or part of a fare of five cents or under.

3. For further particulars please refer to the notices posted up at all Booking Offices of the Railway.

M. Y. CHUNG.
Managing Director.
SHANGHAI-NANKING & SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAYS.
12053

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8B Peking Road
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We beg to notify the public that we have no connection whatever with the "Far Eastern Geographical Establishment," who have recently added to their previous firm's name and title, part (⅔) of our title, viz: the words "The Geographical Sociey of China," since our first announcement appeared in the Shanghai papers.

The public is therefore respectfully requested to take special note of our Shanghai address, which is, 8B Peking Road (Opposite The Chinese Post Office).

Respectfully,
The Geographical & Topographical Society of China.
12065

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2466

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from December 20 to December 30, both days inclusive.

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room.
Shanghai, December 14, 1916.
12062

The International Recreation Club

KIANGWAN RACES
24th, 25th & 26th January, 1917

OFF DAY
27th January, 1917

Entries for all events close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 21st December, 1916, at the Club House, 126 Bubbling Well Road.

Entry Forms may be obtained upon application from the Undersigned.

By order,
Y. J. CHANG,
Secretary.
12047

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
Department of Commerce and Police
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS,
Manila, P. I.

NOTICE
of
Sale of Motor Transportation Equipment

Sealed bids plainly marked "Bids for purchase of P. I. Motor Transportation Equipment," will be received at the Office of the undersigned and at the Office of the American Consul General at Hongkong, Shanghai and Singapore, until December 30, 1916, for the purchase, subject to prior sale, of the following units of motor transportation equipment owned by the Government of the Philippine Islands, to wit:—

No.	Articles (Yorkshire Patent)	Manufacturer's rated capacity.	Unit Cost Price delivered at Manila in 1913.	Total Cost Price delivered at Manila.	Location (Where may be inspected)
6	Steam Wagons	3 ton	P7,773.87	P46,643.22	Manila, P. I.
3	Trailer „	2 ton	1,135.96	3,407.88	Manila, P. I.
1	Steam Wagon	3 ton	7,773.87	7,773.87	Iloilo, P. I.
1	Trailer Wagon	2 ton	1,135.96	1,135.96	Iloilo, P. I.
1	Steam Wagon	3 ton	7,773.87	7,773.87	Baguio, P. I.

The above motor transportation equipment was manufactured by the Yorkshire Patent Steam Wagon Co. (The Yorkshire Commercial Motor Co.), Leeds, England, under what is known as the "Yorkshire Patents," and was purchased new from the manufacturer by the Government of the Philippine Islands in 1913.

All of the equipment is in good serviceable condition and the six steam wagons and three trailer wagons in Manila have had but little use in the past 18 months and have recently been repaired and overhauled in the Government Machine shops and are in first class condition.

The equipment is not constructed so as to conform to the requirements of the motor vehicle Law of the Philippine Islands and a condition of the sale will be, that said equipment will not be used upon the public highways of the Philippine Islands.

Bids will be received for the purchase of all or any part of the above described equipment. The terms of the sale will be cash upon delivery at Manila. All bids must be accompanied by a draft or certified check payable to the "Treasurer of the Philippine Islands," for 10% of the amount of any bid as a guarantee that delivery of said equipment will be received at Manila, and payment made therefor, within sixty days after notice is received of the acceptance of any bid.

To facilitate the dispatch of notice of acceptance or rejection of any bid, all bidders residing outside of the Philippine Islands should give the name and address of a representative in the Philippine Islands to whom notice may be given.

All certified checks or drafts of unsuccessful bidders will be returned with notice of the rejection of their bid.

The right is reserved to sell privately at any time, all or any part of the above equipment, or to reject any or all bids received, or to accept such bid or bids as in the opinion of the undersigned are most advantageous to the Government of the Philippine Islands.

Proposal forms may be had upon request to the Offices above named.

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Cebu	Madras	Sourabaya
Colombo	Malacca	Taiping
Delhi	Manila	(F.M.S.)
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IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Pari et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.

IN LONDON: The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte des Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

This Shanghai Agency undertakes all banking operations and exchange business, grants credits on goods and approved securities and receives deposits on current and fixed deposits according to arrangement.

L. ARDAIN,
Manager.

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Filiale de la Societe Generale de Belgique
Societe Anonyme
Paid-up Capital ....Frs. 30,000,000

Head Office: BRUSSELS.
London Office: 2 Bishopsgate
Branches at Peking, Tientsin, Alexandria, Cairo (Egypt), and Rotterdam.

President:
JEAN JADOT,
Gouvernor Societe Generale de Belgique.

Bankers:

LONDON Martin's Bank, Ltd.
BRUSSELS Societe Generale de Belgique.
ANTWERP: Banque d'Anvers.
PARIS: Banque de l'Union Parisienne, Societe Anonyme.
LYONS AND MARSEILLES: Comptoir National d'Escompte d'Paris.
NEW YORK: National City Bank of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Taels and fixed deposits according to arrangements.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

W. A. HOEHN,
Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital $15,000,000

Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £1,500,000 @ 2s. $15,000,000
Silver 18,000,000

$33,000,000

Reserve liability of Proprietors $15,000,000

Head Office: HONGKONG.
Court of Directors:
W. L. Pattenden, Esq., Chairman.
S. H. Dodwell, Esq., Deputy
C. E. Anton Esq.
G. T. M. Edkins, Esq. [Chairman.
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J. A. Plummer, Esq.
Hon. Mr. E. Shellim.
Chief Manager:
Hongkong—N. J. STABB.

Branches and Agencies:

Amoy	Ipoh	Peking
Bankok	Johore	Penang
Batavia	Kobe	Rangoon
Bombay	Kualalumpur	Saigon
Calcutta	London	S. Francisco
Canton	Lyons	Shanghai
Colombo	Malacca	Singapore
Foochow	Manila	Sourabaya
Hankow	Nagasaki	Tientsin
Harbin	New York	Tsingtau
Iloilo		Yokohama

London Bankers:
London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Shanghai Branch: 12, The Bund.
Sub-Agency: 9 Broadway.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, China, Japan and America.

A. G. STEPHEN.
Manager.

Russo-Asiatic Bank

Roubles.
Capital (fully-paid) 55,000,000
Reserve Fund 24,600,000
Kpg. Tls.
Capital Contributed by the Chinese Government 3,500,000
Reserve Fund 1,743,000

Head office: PETROGRAD.
Paris Office: 9, RUE Boudreau.
London Office: 64, Old Broad St., E.C.

Bankers:
LONDON: Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.
PARIS: Societe General pour favoriser le Development du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France. Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
LYONS: Societe Gerenale pour favoriser le Development du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

Far Eastern Branches and Agencies

Bombay	Hailan	Peking
Calcutta	Hankow	Shanghai
Chanchun	Harbin	Tientsin
(Kwan-chendze)	Hongkong Newchwang	Tsingtau Vladivostock
Chefoo	Nicolayowsk	Yokohama
Dalny	(Dairen o-A	

85 Branches and Agencies in Russia, Siberia and Mongolia

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Account and Fixed Deposits in Taels, Dollars and Roubles. Terms on application.

Local Bills discounted. Special facilities for Russian Exchange.

Foreign Exchange on the principal cities of the world bought and sold.

SAFE DEPOSITS BOXES:
J. JEZIERSKI,
Q. CARRERE,
Managers for China and Japan

The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd.

9, Ningpo Road.

Paid-up Capital $200,000

All kinds of banking business transacted.

Currency Exchange a speciality.

Special department for handling loans against warehouse receipts and other commercial paper.

Interest on Tael current accounts 2%.

Particular of interest allowed on Dollar current accounts and fixed deposits can be obtained on application.

K. P. CHEN,
General Manager.

The Bank of China.

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorised Capital $60,000,000
Paid-up Capital $10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
Branches and Agencies:
Peking, Tientsin, Newchang, Mukden, Changchun, Harbin, Dairen, Tsinan, Tsingtau, Kaifung, Hankow, Ichang, Shanshi, Wuhu, Yangchow, Chinkiang, Nanking, Shanghai, Hangchow, Ningpo, Foochow, Canton, Nanchang, Taiyuen, etc., etc.

SHANGHAI BRANCH,
3 HANKOW ROAD.

Loans granted on approved securities. Local bills discounted. Interests allowed on Current Deposit Account in Taels at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

SUNG HAN-CHANG,
Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Savings Bank Office:
12 The Bund, and 9 Broadway.

Deposits of not less than $1, or over $100, will be received at one time.

Not more than $1,200 will be received in one year from any single depositor whose credit balance shall not at any time exceed the sum of $5,000.

Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed on the monthly minimum balance. Deposits may be withdrawn on demand. Accounts will be kept either in Mexican Dollars or Taels, at the option of the depositor.

Depositors will be presented with Pass Books in which all transactions will be entered. Pass Books must be presented when paying in or withdrawing money.

ffice Hours—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Banque Industrielle de Chine

Capital ..... Francs 45,000,000
One-third of the Capital, i. e. Frs. 15,000,000, subscribed by THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC

Statutes approved by the Government of the Chinese Republic on January 11, 1913.

President, Andre Berthelot.
General Manager, A. J. Pernotte.

HEAD OFFICE
74, RUE ST. LAZARE, PARIS.
Branches in Peking, Tientsin and Shanghai
BANKERS:
In France: Societe Generale pour le Development du Commerce et du l'Industrie en France.
In London: London, County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

G. LION,
Manager.

1, French Bund, Shanghai.

Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited

(*Established* 1880.)

Head Office: YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Capital Subscribed ... Yen 48,000,000
Capital Paid-up ..... „ 30,000,000
Reserve Fund ..... „ 20,800,000

London Bankers:
Union of London & Smith's Bank, The London Joint Stock Bank, Parr's Bank, Ltd.

Branches and Agencies:

Antunghsin	London	Port Arthur
Bombay	Liaoyang	S. Francisco
Calcutta	Los Angeles	Singapore
Changchun	Lyons	Sydney
Dalny	Mukden	Sinanfu
Hankow	Nagasaki	Tiehling
Harbin	Newchwang	Tientsin
Hongkong	New York	Tokio
Honolulu	Osaka	Tsingtau
Kobe	Peking	

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Taels and Dollars, according to arrangement.

Drafts granted on principal places in Japan, Korea Formosa and China and the chief commercial places in Europe, India and America, and every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

K. KODAMA, Manager.

International Banking Corporation

Head Office:
National City Bank Building
55 Wall Street, New York

London Office:
36 Bishopsgate, E. C.

Capital paid-up ..U.S. $3,250,000.00
Reserve and Undivided Profits 3,931,774.11
U.S. $7,181,774.11

Branches at:

Bombay	Hongkong	Singapore
Calcutta	Kobe	San Francisco
Canton	London	Tientsin
Cebu	Manila	Yokohama
Colon (P.C.Z.)	Medellin	Peking
Hankow	Panama	Shanghai

Through its close affiliation with THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, the Corporation is able to offer the special services of the Branches of that Institution in Cuba and South America:—BUENOS AYRES, HABANA, MONTEVIDEO, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTIAGO DE CUBA, SANTOS, SAO PAULO, VALPARAISO, BAHIA-BRAZIL.

The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, issues Commercial and Travellers' Letters of Credit and Travellers' Cheques, available in the United States of America and in all other parts of the world, and receives money on CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT and on FIXED DEPOSIT upon terms which can be ascertained on application.

G. HOGG.
Manager.
1a Kiukiang Road, SHANGHAI.

Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

Established 1824.
Paid-up Capital—
Guilds . 55,000,000 (about £4,583,333)
Reserve Fund—
Guilds. 9,925,431 (about £827,120)

Head Office: AMSTERDAM.
Head Agency: BATAVIA
Agencies in Holland:
THE HAGUE and ROTTERDAM.
Branches:

Banjermasin	Padang	Soerakarta
Bandoeng	Palembang	Tandjong Balei
Cheribon	Pekalongan	Tebing-Tinggi
Djember	Penang	Tegal
Djokjakarta	Pontianak	Telok-Betong
Hongkong	Rangoon	Tjilatjap
Kota-Radja	Semarang	Weltevreden
Makassar	Singapore	
Medan	Soerabaya	

London Bankers:—
Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents at the principal places in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

The Bank buys, sells, and receives for collection bills of exchange, issues letters of credit on its branches and correspondents, and transacts banking business of every description.

Current accounts kept in taels and dollars.

SHANGHAI INTEREST ALLOWED on current tael accounts and fixed deposits, according to arrangement.

B. G. J. WYNBERG.
Manager.

Commercial Bank of China

Head office: SHANGHAI

Subscribed Capital Sh. Tls. 5,000,000
Paid-up Capital ..... Sh. Tls 2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Interests allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on daily balance. On Fixed deposits:
For 3 months at 3% per annum
For 6 months at 4% per annum.
For 12 months at 5% per annum.
On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

H. C. MARSHALL,
Chief Manager.

The Bank of Canton, Limited.

Incorporated 1912.

Authorised Capital .....H. $2,000,000
Subscribed and Paid-up Capital .....H. $1,357,850
Reserve Fund .....H. $70,000

Head Office:
6, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

Shanghai Office: 2, Ningpo Road.

Drafts granted on the Principal Commercial Cities throughout the world, Bills of Exchange bought and received for collection and every description of Banking and Exchange business undertaken.

Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2% p.a. on daily balance and on Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months at 3% per annum.
For 6 months at 4% per annum.
For 12 months at 5% per annum.
On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

JUKUUN,
Manager.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.

Authorised Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed Capital 1,125,000
Paid-up Capital 562,500
Reserve Fund .....£. 550,000

HEAD OFFICE, 15 Gracechurch Street, LONDON, E. C.

London Bankers:
Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

Branches & Agencies.

Bombay	Howrah	Madras
Calcutta	Kandy	Penang
Colombo	Karachi	Port Louis
Delhi	Kota Bahru	(Mauritius)
Galle	(Kelantan)	Rangoon
Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
	Singapore.	

Shanghai Branch.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2% per annum and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

C. T. BEATH.
Acting Manager.
7 Nanking Road.
9753

BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS

Paid-up Capital: Kungping Taels 10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
Fifty Branches and Agencies In China.

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on current accounts and on fixed deposits in Taels and Dollars according to arrangement.

Credit granted on approved securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
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Swiss Offer Milk For Poland Babies

Rockefeller Commission Permitted to Import 80 Tons Per Month

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

Berlin, December 14.—The Rockefeller War Relief Commission has obtained permission for the import from Switzerland of 80 tons of condensed milk each month. 11,500 babies in Warsaw and 5,000 in Lodz thus receive a daily ration of milk. The German railways will transport this milk free of charge.

The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung points out that the Rockefeller War Relief Committee had already, in several cases, provided the Polish population with articles which could only be obtained abroad. The papers hope that Switzerland will be able to supply this quantity of milk regularly; it seems rather doubtful, since the Swiss production of milk has been reduced by the measures of the Entente, which stopped the importation of fodder. "Now the Entente has the opportunity to give proofs of their alleged friendship for the Poles."

CAPTURE 123,000 RUMANIANS

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

Berlin, December 13.—According to the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, the number of Rumanian prisoners taken has reached 123,000. The number would have been larger, if a considerable number of Rumanian soldiers, while fleeing, had not replaced their uniforms by civilian clothing.

Siccawei Weather Report

19.—The depression of the lower Yangtze Valley advances across the Eastern Sea towards the northern Loochoos. Anticyclone prevailing again on the continent; weather overcast during the day, beginning to clear up at night.

20.—Very fine weather; heavy dew and hoar frost Barometer still rising. Light N.N.W. breezes.

Amusements

OLYMPIC THEATRE
TONIGHT

And until Thursday, 21st, will be screened the following films

"THE CHARLADY"

"LODGING FOR THE NIGHT"

"YE OLDEN GRAFTER"

"AFTER THE HONEYMOON"

"NEW GAUMONT GRAPHIC"

"AGELESS SEX"

"BIT OF BLUE RIBBON"
and
"GAME OF LOVE"

Submarine Spends 55 Days Away from Port

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

Berlin, December 14.—A German submarine has recently returned to port, after having been abroad for 55 days, without calling at a port or receiving any aid otherwise. This record was achieved in spite of often adverse weather.

Meteorological Readings

Wednesday, December 20, 1916.

WEATHER.	4 a.m.	9 a.m.
Bar. at Centg., mm	766 07	768 09
„ „ Inches.....	30.16	30.26
Variation mm. for 24 h ..	-1.15	†0.71
Variation mm. for 12 h ..	†0.11	†2.78
Wind { Direction	NNE	N
Wind { Kilom per hour ..	—	5
Wind { Miles	—	8
Temperature { Cen	8°3	7°2
Temperature { Fahr	47.0	45.0
Humidity: co	98	94
Nebulosity: 5-10	10	10
Rainfall mm	0.6	0.7
Rainfall Inches	0.02	0.03

Shipping Transfers

Mr. H. Hanford, chief officer on the Haean, has resigned.

Mr. J. Johannson, chief officer on the Kungping, has gone same grade on the Haean.

Mr. E. H. Kirwan, second officer on the Kungping, has gone second officer on the Hsinkong.

Mr. J. H. Lawlor, chief officer on the Hsinfung, is on short leave.

Mr. K. J. Tuebben has gone acting chief officer on the Hsinfung.

Mr. G. W. Watkins has gone third officer on the Kiangyu.

Mr. C. Shepherd, chief officer on the Hsinming, has gone chief officer on the Kungping.

A 'Xmas Suggestion
"Sceptre Cigarettes"

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APOLLO THEATRE

Programme for December 21st

"THE IRON CLAW"

THE MOST MAGNIFICENT SERIAL PHOTO-PLAY YET PRODUCED, FEATURING THOSE POPULAR FAVORITES

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"PUSS IN BOOTS"

IN AID OF ALLIED RED CROSS

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See The Popular American Singer and Pianist

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In all the latest song hits

New Comedies
New Graphic
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A Three Part Nordisk Drama
"Theresa The Adventuress"

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Corner of Wuchang and Chapoo Roads.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th Dec.

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60 Parts.

Acknowledged to be the most wonderful of all serial pictures ever produced.

The most thrilling, sensational and exciting picture ever shown. Every part is full of 'punch'.

4 parts shown with every change of programme. Showing 23rd and 24th Chapters, entitled:

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and
"The Mad Millionaire"

Showing on Monday, the 25th and 26th Chapters.
Also Some Keystones, Chaplins & Other Comedies.

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
Dec 21	12.00	San Francisco	Tenyo maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
" 22	D.L.	Boston & New York	Eurymedon	Br.	B. & S.
" 24	8.30*	Seattle, Victoria etc.	Tamba maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 30	P.M.	Vancouver B.C.	Empress of Russia	Br.	C. P. O. S.
Jan 6	P.M.	San Francisco	Ecuador	Am.	P. M. S. S. Co.
" 7	P.M	San Francisco	Nippon maru	Jap.	T. K. K.
" 8	noon	Seattle, Victoria etc.	Shidzuoka maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 13	P.M.	Vancouver B. C.	Empress of Japan	Br.	C.P.O.S.
" 19	P.M.	San Francisco	Shinyo maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
Feb 3	P.M.	San Fancisco	China	Am	C. M. S. S. Co.

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Dec 21	6.30*	Kobe & Osaka	Kumano maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 21	12.00	Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama	Tenyo maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
" 22	3.00	Nagasaki	Penza	Rus.	R. V. F.
" 23	9.00*	Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe	Yawata maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 24	8.30*	Kobe, Yokohama	Tamba maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 24	A.M.	Kobe, Yokohama	Armand Behic	Fr.	Cie M. M.
" 26	11.30*	Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe	Hakusan maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 28	A.M.	Kobe & Osaka	Kasuga maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 30	A.M.	Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe	Yamashiro maru	Jap.	N. Y. K
" 30	P.M.	Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama	Empress of Russia	Br.	C. P. O. S.
Jan 3	A.M.	Yokohama	Somali	Br.	P. & O.
" 3	A.M.	Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe	Omi Maru	Jap.	N. Y. K
" 6	A. M.	Yokohama	Nyanza	Br.	P. & O.
" 8	noon	Kobe, Yokohama	Shidzuoka maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Dec 24	9.00*	London via Hongkong etc	Kamo maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 25	10.00*	Marseilles, London via Suez	Novara	Br.	P. & O.
" 27	D.L.	Liverpool via Cape	Ningchow	Br.	B. & S.
" 27	D.L.	Liverpool	Eurypylus	Br.	B. & S.
" 31	1.30	London via Hongkong etc	Kashima maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
Jan 1	11.00*	Marseilles etc.	Athos	Fr.	Cie M. M.
" 3	D.L.	London via Cape	Peleus	Br.	B. & S.
" 3	D.L.	London via Cape	Teucer	Br.	B. & S.
" 6	A.M.	Marseilles etc.	Armand Behic	Fr.	Cie M. M.
" 7	A.M.	London etc.	Mishima maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 12	A.M.	Marseilles, London via Suez	Somali	Br.	P. & O.
" 17	D.L.	London via Cape	Phemius	Br.	B. & S.
" 22	A.M.	Marseilles, London via Suez	Nyanza	Br.	P. & O.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Dec 21	A.M.	Foochow	Hsinming	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
" 21	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong, Canton	Shantung	Br.	B. & S.
" 22	7.30*	Hongkong	Shidzuoka maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 22	D.L.	Swatow, Hongkong	Tamsui	Br.	B. & S.
" 22	A.M.	Hongkong, Canton	Kwangtah	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.
" 23	P.M.	Ningpo, Wenchow	Poochi	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co
" 24	D.L.	Hongkong, Canton	Yingchow	Br.	B. & S.
" 24	D.L.	Swatow, Hongkong	Szechuen	Br.	B & S.
" 26	D.L.	Hongkong Canton	Chenan	Br.	B. & S.
" 28	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong, Canton	Sinkiang	Br.	B. & S.
Jan 2		Hongkong	Empress of Japan	Br.	C. P. O. S.
" 17	P.M.	Hongkong	China	Am.	C.M.S. Co.

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Dec 21	9.00*	Tsingtao	Ryohei maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
" 21	noon	Weihaiwei, Chefoo, Tientsin	Fengtien	Br.	B. & S.
" 22	D.L.	Weihaiwei, Chefoo, Tientsin	Kingsing	Br.	J. M. & Co.
" 22	8.30*	Tsingtao and Dairy	Kobe maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
" 22	3.00	Vladivostock	Penza	Rus.	R. V. F.
" 22	3.00	Tsingtao	Ono maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
" 23	A.M.	Dairy	Keelung maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 24	D.L.	Chefoo	Ningpo	Br.	B. & S.
" 24	D.L.	Haichow, Eching	Linan	Br.	B. & S.
" 24	9.00*	Dairy	Wosang	Br.	J. M. & Co
" 26	noon	Dairy	Sakaki maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
" 27	9.00*	Tsingtao	Tenchow maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
" 28	10.00*	Weihaiwei, Chefoo, Tientsin	Shuntien	Br.	B. & S.

FOR RIVER PORTS

Dec 21	M.N.	Hankow etc.	Yohyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 21	M.N.	do	Luenho	Br.	J. M. & Co.
" 21	M.N.	do	Kianghsin	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
" 22	M.N.	do	Tachang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 22	M.N.	do	Suiwo	Br.	J.M. & Co.
" 22	M.N.	do	Wuchang	Br.	B. & S.
" 23	M.N.	do	Tatung	Br.	B. & S.
" 23	M.N.	do	Siangyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 24	M.N.	do	Kiangyung	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
" 25	M.N.	do	Kutwo	Br.	J. M. & Co.
" 25	M.N.	do	Kiangyu	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
" 25	M.N.	do	Tafoo maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 26	M.N.	do	Luenyi	Br.	B. & S.
" 27	M.N.	do	Poyang	Br.	B. & S.
" 27	M.N.	do	Kiangkwan	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
" 28	M.N.	do	Talee maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 28	M.N.	do	Kiangwah	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
" 29	M.N.	do	Loongwo	Br.	J. M. & Co.
" 29	M.N.	do	Tungting	Br.	B. & S.
" 29	M.M.	do	Tachi maru	Jap.	N.K.K.

*A.M. M.N.—Midnight. D.L.—Daylight.

Arrivals

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Dec 20	Ningpo	Shengking	1315	Br.	B. & S.	CNCW
Dec 20	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.NCo.	NSCW
Dec 20	Hongkong	Eurymedon		Br.	B.& S.	SHW
Dec 20	Japan	Yawata maru	3895	Jap.	N. Y. K.	NYKW
Dec 20	Chefoo	Kingsing	1223	Br.	J. M. & Co.	SHW
Dec 0	Vladivostock	Penza	1345	Rus.	R. V. F.	9 p
Dec 20	Japan	Nippon maru	6178	Jap.	T. K. K.	Woosung
Dec 20	Japan	Fukuju maru	396	Jap.	M. B. K.	MBKW
Dec 20	Hankow	Yohyang maru	1917	Jap.	N.K.K.	NYKW
Dec 20	Hankow	Luenho	1205	Br.	J. M. & Co.	SHW
Dec 20		Sanno maru		Jap.		

Departures

Date	For	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents
Dec 20	Hankow etc.	Kiangfoo	1468	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
" 20	Hankow etc.	Ningshao	1920	Chi.	N.S. Co.
" 20	Hankow etc.	Ngankin	1719	Br.	B. & S.
" 20	Chinwangtao	Volund	1144	Nor.	K. M. A.
" 20	Japan	Suwa maru	6564	Jap	N. Y. K.
" 20	Japan ports	Chikuzen maru	2578	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 20		Colombo maru	2881	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 20	Ningpo	Shengking	1315	Br.	B. & S.
" 20	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N. S. N. Co.

Men-of-War In Port

Section	Date	From	Name	Flag and Rating	Tons	Guns	Men	Commander
B H	Dec. 2	Cruise	Brooklyn	Am cru.	9215	20	563	Day
P & O B	Oct. 16	Cruise	Galveston	Am cru.	3200	18	309	Kellogg
Y T P D	Nov. 20	Cruise	Helena	Am g-b.	1391	8	159	Brotherton
S p.	Nov. 8	Cruise	Monocacy	Am g-b.	190	2	47	Carter
T p.	Dec 10	Cruise	Samar	Am g-b.	243	6	29	King
B N S	Dec 16	Cruise	Wilmington	Am g-b.	1392	8	159	Chadwick

The French gunboats D. de Lagree and Decidee, the Japanese gunboats Fushimi, Sumida and Toba, and the British gunboat Woodlark are not included in this list, being dismantled.

Vessels Loading

For River Ports

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Str. Kianghsin, Capt. J. R. Milligan, will leave on Thursday night For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Co's str. Yohyang Maru, Captain A. E. Inwood, will be despatched from the Pootung N.K.K. Wharf on Thursday, December 21, at about 12 o'clock (midnight). This steamer has extra spacious Staterooms (electric fans fitted). European food of the best cuisine is provided. The last steam launch will leave Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m. For Freight and Passage apply to the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, No. 5 The Bund.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Co.'s Str. Tachang Maru, Captain K. Takeshita, will be despatched from the Pootung N.K.K. Wharf on Friday, Dec. 22 at about 12 o'clock midnight. This steamer has extra spacious Staterooms (electric fans fitted). European food of the best cuisine is provided. The last steam launch will leave Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, No. 5 The Bund. Tel. No. 3256.

For Southern Ports

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WENCHOW via NINGPO.—The Str. Poochi, Capt. Mackie, will leave on Saturday night. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

For Foreign Ports

SAN FRANCISCO via NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU.—The s.s. Tenyo Maru, Capt. H. S. Smith, will leave on Thursday, December 21. The tender conveying passengers and mails will leave the Customs jetty at 12 p.m. For freight or passage apply to The American Trading Company

For Japan

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Shipping Items

The I.-C. s.s. Suiwo left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The C.N. s.s. Wuchang left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The H.O. s.s. Changon left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The C.M. s.s. Poochi left Tientsin for Shanghai via Chefoo on Monday.

The C.N. s.s. Kiukiang left Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangyung left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.N. s.s. Tatung left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.N. s.s. Kiangyu left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Siangyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The H.O. s.s. Tehhsing will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The I.-C. s.s. Tuckwo will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Luenyi will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tafoo Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Shuntien left Tientsin for Shanghai via Chefoo and Weihaiwei yesterday.

The K.M.A. s.s. Sishan (chartered) left Chinwangtao for Shanghai on Monday.

The I.-C. s.s. Wingsang will leave Hongkong for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Sinkiang will leave Hongkong for Shanghai today.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangkwan will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.N. s.s. Poyang will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The N.K.K. s.s. Nanyang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The silk which left Shanghai on Nov. 18, by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at New York on December 13.

The Blue Funnel s.s. Ningchow left Kobe on Dec. 19, for Shanghai via Gure and Kuchinotzu, is due to arrive here about the 25th instant.

The S.M.R. s.s. Kobe Maru left Dalny for Shanghai on Tuesday, and may be expected to arrive at the S.M.R. Co.'s Whangpoo Wharf about 10 a.m. today. Passengers will at their option land either direct to the wharf or by the steam launch which is expected to arrive at the Customs jetty about half an hour after the steamers arrival at the Wharf. She will be despatched for Dalny via Tsingtao tomorrow, at 8.30 a.m.

The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Limited s.s. Empress of Asia from Shanghai at 3 a.m. on Sunday, the 3rd instant, arrived at Vancouver, B.C., at 7 p.m. on Monday, the 18th instant.

Passengers Arrived

Per R.V.F. s.s. Penza from Vladivostock:—Mrs. W. Altman, Mr. V. Panlini. From Nagasaki:—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomson.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Yawata Maru from Japan:—Mr. A. S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lan.

Per I.-C. s.s. Kingsing from Chefoo:—Mr. P. W. Massey. From Weihaiwei:—Mr. and Mrs. Crudge, Master Vernon Crudge and Master George Inch.

Per T.K.K. s.s. Nippon Maru from San Francisco:—Mrs. W. A. Adams, Master Fritz Adams, Miss Betty Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brennetman, Master John Brennetman, Mr. S. G. Blythe, Miss H. H. Brittingham, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Black and infant, Master John Black, Master Robert Black, Mr. C. W. Cumming, Mr. A. C. Cornish, Mr. E. F. Colleyshaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark and 2 children, Mr. B. S. Chapman, Mr. C. J. Eskeline, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Finn, Miss Finn, Mrs. L. Freeman, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Ferguson, Miss F. W. Ferguson, Miss E. Gaylord, Mrs. R. R. Gailey, Mr. N. A. Gorman, Mr. M. C. Guss, Mr. A. de C. Hamilton, Mr. H. S. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harris and infant, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hsslewood and infant, Mr. L. T. Kurt, Mr. E. Kempffer, Mr. D. E. Kydd, Rev. J. S. MacGeary, Miss Blanche Myers, Miss Meyers, Mrs. and Miss Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lee and 5 children, Mrs. S. P. Leavitt, Mr. S. D. Lee, Mr. L. J. Owen, Mr. A. M. Porterfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ritter and infant, Mr. L. A. Richards, Mrs. R. W. Richards, Mr. R. M. Richardson, Mr. D. P. Ricketts, Miss E. L. Redo, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Swift, Mr. H. H. Teuch, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Tucker and 2 children, Mr B. C. Vantine, Mr. Henry Wood and Miss Wynn.

Per C.N. s.s. Shengking from Ningpo:—Messrs. Wadman and Lorden.

Launch Services

TODAY

The launch conveying passengers to the N.K.K. s.s. Yohyang Maru will leave the Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m.

The tender conveying passengers to the S.M.R. s.s. Kobe Maru will leave the Customs jetty at 9 p.m.

The tender conveying passengers and mails to the T.K.K. s.s. Tenyo Maru will leave the Customs jetty at 12 p.m.

TOMORROW

The tender conveying passengers to the R.V.F. s.s. Penza will leave the Customs jetty at 3 p.m.

Vessels In Harbor And At Woosung

Arrived	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Nov 14	Hankow	Albengs	2769	Ger.	Carlowitz	YWGW
Dec 18	Japan	Asosan maru	1221	Jap.	M. B. K.	MBKW
Aug 4	Hongkong	Bonemia	4282	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B VII
Aug 5	Hongkong	China	3868	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B XIII
Aug 8	Hongkong	D. Rickmers	2651	Ger.	H. D. & Co	USA
Dec 27	Nanking	Fortuna	182	Ger.	H. D. & Co	10 p
Dec 11	Japan	Fuyo maru	757	Jap.	Satoh Shokai	HYPW
Dec 14	Chefoo	Fengtien	1073	Br.	B. & S.	CSW
Dec 19	Tientsin	Feiching	994	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
Dec 15	Japan	Gleniffer	6721	Br.	Glen Line	
Dec 18	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B. & S.	TKDD
Dec 18	Japan	Hirano maru	885	Jap.	M. B. K.	MBKW
Dec 18	Chefoo	Hsinming	1428	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
Dec 18		Hongkee	672	Chi.	Tuck Wo	CERCW
Dec 19	Foochow	Haean	1839	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
Dec 19	Hankow	Hanping	581	Chi.	H. Y. P. I. Co.	HYPW
May 23	Hankow	Kinling	2511	Br.	B. & S.	Int.D
Nov 28	Chefoo	Kungping	1742	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	BJ
Dec 9	Japan	Kaiko maru	957	Jap.	M. B. K.	TKDLW
Dec 17	Japan	Kaga maru	1784	Jap.	K. M. A.	KMAW
Dec 18	Hongkong	Kwangtah	1536	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
Dec 18	Japan	Kumano maru	3147	Jap.	N. Y. K.	WW
Dec 19	Hankow	Kianghsin	2101	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
Nov 18	Hankow	Lienhua	366	Br.	J. M. & Co	8 p
July 16	Hankow	Meidah	1682	Ger.	Melchers	NGLB 1
July 30	Hankow	Meilee	1682	Ger.	Melchers	NGLB 1
Dec 15	Hankow	Meifoo	406	Am.	S. Oil Co	SOCW
Dec 19	Tsingtao	Ryohei maru	757	Jap.	N.K.K.	WW
July 30	Tsingtao	Sikiang	1846	Ger.	H. A. L.	9 p
July 30	Hongkong	Silesia	3318	Aus	Aus Lloyd	P IX
Dec 18	Hongkong	Shantung	1368	Br.	B. & S.	CNW
Dec 6	Japan	Tokio maru	2196	Jap.	Satoh Shokai	CMEW
Dec 9	Amoy	Taishun	1276	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
Dec 12	Hongkong	Tucer	8650	Br.	B. & S.	BX
Dec 13	Swatow	Wosang	1127	Br.	J. M. & Co.	SHW

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,,	"NIPPON MARU"	11,000	,,	,, 23	,,
,,	"SHINYO MARU"	22,000	,,	April 5	,,
,,	"PERSIA MARU"	9,000	,,	,, 19	,,
,,	"KOREA MARU"	18,000	,,	May 1	,,
,,	"SIBERIA MARU"	18,000	,,	,, 15	,,
,,	"TENYO MARU"	22,000	,,	,, 26	,,
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SHIDZUOKA MARU....	12,500	Capt. I. Noma,	Jan. 8, 1917
KAMAKURA MARU....	12,500	Capt. N. Kawashima,	Jan. 28, 1917

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7,500 REBELS GONE, BUT 2,800 STILL LEFT HERE

Mr. McEuen Thinks Latter Responsible for Threatening Letters Flooding Shanghai

The report of the Capt. Superintendent of Police for November is given in today's Municipal Gazette. It says in part:—

The local political situation continues to improve. The office opened in Shanghai for the distribution of repatriation funds closed on November 6 after $174,000 had been handed to 616 rebel leaders for distribution among their followers. The representatives of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce also distributed 2,700 passage tickets and $30,500 in cash among those whose share of the repatriation funds was insufficient to cover the expenses for going to their native places.

It is now estimated that 7,500 rebels have left Shanghai as a result. In spite of this excellent work 2,800 remain behind who have no proper leaders and whose claims for participation in the funds have not been recognised. It is far from clear how they support themselves, and there is little room for doubt that it is from their ranks that the gangs of armed robbers are drawn.

They are probably also responsible for the threatening letters which are being received by many wealthy Chinese, who, it is believed, are subject to this means of extortion without the knowledge of the Police. In two cases bombs were reported in certain houses in the Settlement, both having been deposited with the ultimate object of extorting money. In neither case was any damage done.

It is fair to say that if some of the former prominent leaders of the revolution would interest themselves in these men to the extent of getting them drafted into some suitable employment or away from Shanghai, they would be returning in some degree the benefits and protection which they receive in both Settlements.

M. ADLER IS VICTIM OF HOAX; REPORT SAID HE HAD YEN 3,000,000 GEM

By the s.s. Nippon Maru yesterday, M. Adolphe Adler, a Belgian diamond merchant, with headquarters at Antwerp, sailed for Hongkong. M. Adler had just gone through a most interesting but at the same time annoying experience in Japan. He isn't sure whether the experience was due to a practical joker or to an enemy but is inclined to take the latter view.

Anyway, a Japanese newspaper came out with a yarn to the effect that M. Adler was in possession of a diamond valued at 3,000,000 yen, the tale was translated into the foreign newspapers and it circulated throughout the Far East at such a dizzying rate of speed that the unfortunate victim of the hoax hasn't been able to catch up with it yet, with the result that at every port the Customs authorities courteously but persistently ask for a peep at the rock. Of course, as M. Adler explains, there are not more than a thousand such diamonds in existence and the whereabouts of each is very well known.

The original story also had it that M. Adler had some trouble over the diamond with the Kobe authorities, but The Japan Advertiser, which investigated the matter, found there was no truth in the report.

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News Brevities

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Mr. F. S. Unwin has resumed charge of the Shanghai Customs.

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Travellers wishing to spend the 'Xmas and New Year holidays up country will find that the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, and the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway have made a notification stating that on and from tomorrow, until January 4, 1917, inclusive, return tickets at fare and a half will be charged on the S. N. Railway, first, second and third class, between Shanghai North, Soochow, Wusih, Changchow, Chinkiang and Nanking. The same charge will be made on the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway from Shanghai South, Sungkiang, Kashai, Kashing, Yeh Zah, Changan, Kon Zen Chiao and Hangchow.

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There is to be a 'Xmas dance and supper at the Astor House Hotel on Saturday night. Dancing will take place from 10 o'clock to midnight, and will be resumed after supper. There will be a fancy dress ball and supper on Saturday, December 30, and a special orchestra will play for dancing between 10 o'clock and midnight. During supper, and for the dancing afterwards, Prof. Papini's orchestra will be in attendance. Masks will not be permitted on this occasion.

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The Carlton Cafe make an interesting announcement on page 2 of this issue, to the effect that one of their popular dinners de luxe will be held tomorrow night. The dinner will be followed by the first holiday fancy dress ball, commencing at 9.30 o'clock. The new ragtime orchestra will be in attendance, and new and attractive winter decorations will be in evidence. Tables may be ordered by telephone.

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The date for the official opening and prize-giving of the Nieh Chih Kuei Public School for Chinese has been fixed for Friday, January 5, at 3 o'clock p.m.

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The resignation of Captain H. W. Daldy from the First Reserves, S. V. C., has been accepted by the Council.

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The Municipal offices will be closed to public business on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26 and on Monday and Tuesday, January 1 and 2, 1917.

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The services of Sergeant F. E. Leary and Warder H. Champney will terminate on December 11, and January 5, 1917, respectively, the dates of expiry of their agreements. Mr. F. P. Bartley, of the Public Works Department at present on long leave, has availed himself of the provisions of the arrangement for war service.

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The Exchange Banks which are members of the Shanghai Foreign Exchange Bankers' Association will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, on account of the Christmas holidays.

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As the result of the arrangement made by President Nakumura of the South Manchurian Railway Company at Mukden it has been decided to open the mines at Anshantien as a joint enterprise of China and Japan and arrangements therefor are being made.

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The transmission of communications in wireless telegraph services between Japan and the U. S. A. has been limited to between Funabashi in Japan and Hawaii and San Francisco, but as the service has proved to be very good, it has now been decided to have transmission with the wireless telegraph station of Oakland, California, from December 19.

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Among those who have recently been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action is Captain John H. Jordan, Royal Army Medical Corps, son of Sir John Jordan, H.B.M. Minister to China.—*Peking Gazette.*

The Weather

Fine weather. The maximum temperature recorded yesterday was 48.9 and the minimum 33.3, the figures for the corresponding day last year being respectively 51.3 and 26.2.

November Rubber Outputs

The ouput of dry rubber for the month of November from the Permata Rubber Estate, Ltd., was 5,000 lbs.

COTTON MARKET

Reuter's Service

London, December 18.—Today's Cotton price were as follows:—

Mid-American Spot ..	10.80d.
January-February	10.62d.
May-June	10.83d.

London Rubber Market

Reuter's Service

London, December 18.—Today's Rubber prices were:—

Plantation First Latex:

Spot: 2s. 10¼d. paid.

January to June: 2s. 10½d. paid.

Tendency of Market: Steadier.

Last Quotation, London, Dec. 16:—

Spot: 2s. 10d. paid.

January to June: 2s. 10d. paid.

Tendency of Market: Very dull.

A 'Xmas Suggestion

"Sceptre Cigarettes"

EXTRACT of MALT with COD LIVER OIL

Highly nutritious

Easily digested

Palatable

Price $1.00 per 1 lb. tin.

VOELKEL & SCHROEDER A.G.

37, Nanking Road, SHANGHAI.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

TIENTSIN-PUKOW LINE

TIME TABLE

(Published by order of the Administration)

0⁰⁰ — Midnight, 1330 — 1³⁰ p.m.

September 1st, 1916, and until further notice.

Mail 101 B. s.	Mail 3. B. s.	Luxe 1. B. S.	Miles	Peking-Mukden Line	Luxe 2. B. S.	Mail 4. B.	Mail 102. B. s.
2035	835	300	0	dep. Peking arr.	2280	1960	1630
2345	1112	635	..	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	1935	1700	730
2350	1117	640	84	dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	1930	1658	710
000	1125	650	..	arr. Tientsin-East dep.	1920	1645	700
1910	520	2310	524	arr. Mukden dep.	2301	..	1040

Local 5.	Mail 3. B. s.			Tientsin-Pukow Line		Mail 4. B. s.	Local 6.
715	1130	—	0	dep. Tientsin-East arr.	—	1705	1930
725	1140	—	2.71	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	—	1655	1941
745	1200	—		dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	—	1631	1911
1143	1500	—	78	dep. Tsangchow dep.	—	1332	1508
1457	1746	—	148	dep. Tochow dep.	—	1042	1128
1801	2021	—	—	arr. Tsinanfu dep.	—	806	845
7.	:	—	220	:	—	:	8.
830	2031	—	—	dep. Tsinanfu arr.	—	756	1812
1039	2231	—	266	dep. Taianfu dep.	—	601	1542
1300	038	—	318	arr. Yenchowfu dep.	—	349	1311
1315	048	—		dep. Yenchowfu arr.	—	339	1236
1556	316	—	377	dep. Lincheng dep.	—	120	1032
1816	450	—	—	arr. Hsuchowfu dep.	—	2338	816
9.	:	—	420	:	—	:	10.
630	457	—	—	dep. Hsuchowfu arr.	—	2329	2007
1156	838	—		arr. Pengpu dep.	—	1953	1443
1208	840	—	523	dep. Pengpu arr.	—	1946	1432
1657	1152	—	600	dep. Chuchow dep.	—	1648	928
1848	1300	—	631	arr. Pukow dep.	—	1530	722

Express 16. B. S.	Express 10. B.			Shanghai-Nanking Line		Express 1. B.	Express 15. B. S.
..	1420	..	0	dep. Nanking-Ferry arr.	..	1410	..
2300	1420	..	..	dep. Nanking arr.	..	1415	630
700	2120	..	193	arr. Shanghai-North dep.	..	755	2300

Yenchowfu-Tsiningchow Branch Line						Lincheng-Taochuang Branch Line					
930	1350	2130	d. Yenchowfu a.	630	1230	2000	530	1110	1800	d. Lincheng a.	810	1410	2100
1032	1455	2232	a. Tsiningchow d.	528	1128	1858	628	1219	1908	a. Taochuang d.	702	1302	1950

The station for the foreign concessions in Tientsin is "TIENTSIN-EAST"

Conventional Signs.

300 — train runs on Thursday only. 230 — train runs on Fridays only.

300 — on trains marked thus passengers must hold additional place tickets.

B — train has buffet car with regular meal service

S — train has sleep. accomm. 1st & 2nd class. s — train has only 1st class sleep. accomm.

Application for sleeping accommodation at $5.00 per berth should, at the earliest possible moment, be made to the Traffic Manager at Tientsin, or to the Traffic-Inspectors at Tientsin, Tsinanfu, Hsuchowfu or Pukow.

By Order.

THE TRAFFIC MANAGER.

Tientsin, September, 1916.

SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY ABRIDGED TIME TABLE.

Shanghai North To Nanking—Up (Main Line) Nanking To Shanghai North—Down

STATIONS.	1 Express R	3 Local	5 Slow	7 Coolie Goods	9 Fast R	11 Local	13 N S G Local	15 Night Express R.S.	17 N S G Local
SHANGHAI NORTH ..dep.	7.55		8.20	9.00	12.50	15.20	8.40	23.00	17.15
Nansiang.. .. „			8.56	9.48	13.21	15.55	9.15	—	17.50
Kunshan .. .. „			9.55	11.04	14.07	16.51		—	
SOOCHOW { arr.	9.34		10.52	12.08	14.10	17.53		1.01	
SOOCHOW { dep.	9.41		11.02	12.13	14.57	18.13		1.08	
WUSIH .. { arr.	10.24		12.11	13.33	15.45	19.33		2.08	
WUSIH .. { dep.	10.31		12.21	13.43	15.53	19.41		2.10	
CHANGCHOW { arr.	11.13		13.30	14.51	16.38	20.45		3.00	
CHANGCHOW { dep.	11.22	6.50	13.42	15.01	16.47			3.10	
TANYANG .. { arr.	12.07	8.00	14.57	16.10	17.41			—	
TANYANG .. { dep.	12.09	8.03	14.59	16.14	17.43			—	
CHINKIANG { arr.	12.48	8.53	15.49	17.08	18.22			4.56	
CHINKIANG { dep.	12.52	8.59	15.57	17.18	18.32			5.06	
Nanking Ferry ..arr.	*14.10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
NANKING .. „	14.15	10.55	17.50	19.25	20.05			6.50	..

STATIONS.	2 Local	4 Slow	6 Coolie Goods	8 Fast R	10 Express R	12 Local	14 N S G Local	16 Night Express R.S.	18 N S G Local
NANKING .. ..dep.		7.00	7.30	11.15	14.20	15.55		23.00	
Nanking Ferry ..dep.		—	—	—	*14.20	—		—	
CHINKIANG.. { arr.		8.57	9.42	12.50	15.51	18.05		0.46	
CHINKIANG.. { dep.		9.05	9.52	12.59	16.01	18.25		1.00	
TANYANG .. { arr.		9.55	10.48	13.38	16.36	19.16		—	
TANYANG .. { dep.		9.57	10.53	13.40	16.38	19.19		—	
CHANGCHOW { arr.		11.04	12.11	14.42	17.26	20.30		2.52	
CHANGCHOW { dep.	6.20	11.14	12.22	14.52	17.36			3.06	
WUSIH .. { arr.	7.24	12.14	13.36	15.43	18.34			4.01	
WUSIH .. { dep.	7.31	12.22	13.46	15.53	18.31			4.11	
SOOCHOW .. { arr.	8.40	13.35	14.55	16.47	19.21			5.04	
SOOCHOW .. { dep.	8.46	13.50	15.08	16.55	19.28			5.12	
Kunshan .. .. „	9.54	14.57	16.14	17.41	—			—	
Nansiang.. .. „	10.53	15.57	17.19	18.26	—		9.40	6.33	18.00
SHANGHAI NORTH.. arr.	11.25	16.30	17.55	18.55	21.20		10.15	7.00	18.35

R. Restaurant Cars S. Sleeping Cars

*Connects at Tientsin with the Peking-Mukden and through Siberian Service.

Woosung Forts to Shanghai North—Up (Branch Line) Shanghai North to Woosung Forts—Down

	31	33	35	37	39	41	43	45
WOOSUNG FORTS .....dep.	6.55	9.15	10.45	13.10	14.40	16.20	18.10	20. 5
KIANGWAN	7. 2	9. 2	11.12	13.37	15.07	16.47	18.37	21. 2
SHANGHAI NORTH ..... arr.	7. 0	9. 0	11.20	13.45	15.15	16.55	18.45	21. 20

	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
SHANGHAI NORTH ....dep.	6.15	7.35	10.05	12.15	14.00	15.30	17.25	20.00
KIANGWAN	6.26	7.46	10.16	12.26	14.11	15.41	17.36	20.11
WOOSUNG FORTS .....arr.	6.50	8.10	10 40	12.50	14 35	16.05	18.00	21.35

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY

ABRIDGED TIME TABLE IN FORCE FROM THE 12th DECEMBER 1916

MAIN LINE.

SHANGHAI NORTH TO ZAH KOU—"DOWN" ZAH KOU TO SHANGHAI NORTH—"UP"

STATIONS	102 Local	104 Fast	106 Slow	108 Coolie & Goods	D Local	E Local	110 Express	112 Local	H Local	I Local
Shanghai North ..... dep.		7.35	8.55	10 05			14.00			
Jessfield ..... dep.		8.00	9.20	10.30			14.25			
Siccawei ..... dep.		8.11	9.31	10.41			14 36			
Lunghwa Junction .... dep.		8.28	9.48	11.00			14.52			
		A. 104	B. 106	C. 108	D	E	F. 110	G. 112	H	I
Shanghai South....dep.		*8.00*	*9.20*	*10.30*	*11.20*	*13.35*	*14.30*	*16.10*	*16.45*	*18.00*
Lunghwa Junction..dep.		*8.28*	*9.48*	*11.00*	*11.38*	*13.53*	*14.52*	*16.29*	*17.03*	*18.18*
Sungkiang ..... { arr		9.09	10.47	12.00			15.26	17,37		
Sungkiang ..... { dep.		9.13	10.55	12.10			15 28	17.47		
Kashai ..... dep.		10.03	11 58	13.33			16.15	18.57		
Kashing ..... { arr.		10 25	12 26	14.06			16 36	19.30		
Kashing ..... { dep.	7.20	10.35	12 36	14.16			16 46			
Yeh Zah ..... dep.	8.08	11 14	13 20	15.16			17.21			
Chang An..... dep.	9.00	11.49	14.04	16.10			17 55			
Hangchow..... { arr.	10.26	12 43	15.16	17.37			18.42			
Hangchow..... { dep.	10.38	12 53	15.26	17.47			18.54			
Zah Kou..... arr.	11.00	13.09	15.45	18.15			19..0			

STATIONS	O Local	P Local	101 Local	R Local	103 Fast	105 Slow	U Local	107 Coolie and Goods	109 Express	111 Local
Zah Kou..... dep.					6 45	8.10		8 55	14 15	16 00
Hangchow..... { arr.					7 05	8 30		9 23	14 30	16.24
Hangchow..... { dep.					7. 5	8 40		9 33	4 40	16.35
Chang An..... dep.					8. 1	9 56		11.03	15 26	17.57
Yeh Zah..... dep.					8 52	10 40		12 30	5.57	18.50
Kashing ..... { arr.					9 30	11.22		13 38	16.28	19.40
Kashing ..... { dep.			7.25		9 40	11.30		14.07	16 38	
Kashai..... dep.			8 0		10.05	12.00		14 47	17.01	
Sungkiang..... { arr.			9.08		10 5	12 59		16 03	17.46	
Sungkiang..... { dep.			9.18		10.57	13 03		16.13	17.49	
	O	P	*Q. 101*	R	*S. 103*	*T. 105*	U	*V. 107*	*W.109*	
Lunghwa Junction..dep	*8.35*	*9.55*	*10.37*	*10.55*	*11.48*	*14.05*	*14.55*	*17.22*	*18.33*	
Shanghai South....arr.	*8.53*	*10.13*	*10.55*	*11.13*	*12.05*	*14.23*	*15.13*	*17.40*	*18.50*	
Lungh a Junction.... dep.					11.44	14.03		17.19	18.29	
Siccawei ..... dep.					11 56	14.15		17 31	18 41	
Jessfield ..... dep.					12 07	14 27		17 42	18.52	
Shanghai North .... arr.					12 30	14 50		18.05	19.15	

KIANGSU BRANCH LINE

KON ZEN CHIAO TO ZAH KOU ZAH KOU TO KON ZEN CHIAO

STATIONS	122	124	126	128	130	132
Kon Zen Chiao.. dep.	7 05	8.30	11.05	14.05	16.05	18.15
Ken Shang Mun. { arr.	7.18	8.43	11.18	14 18	16.18	18.28
Ken Shang Mun. { dep	7 25	8.50	11.20	14.21	16.20	18.29
Hangchow..... { arr.	7.35	9.00	11.30	14.31	16 30	18.37
Hangchow..... { dep.		9.05	11.35		16.37	
Zah Kou..... arr.		9.25	11.55		17.00	

STATIONS	121	123	125	127	129	131
Zah Kou..... dep		9.40	12.20		17.15	
Hangchow..... { arr.		10.00	12.40		17.35	
Hangchow..... { dep	7.45	10.05	12 50	14.55	17.40	18 50
Ken Shang Mun. { arr	7.55	10.15	13.00	15 05	17.50	19 00
Ken Shang Mun. { dep.	8.00	10.23	13 05	15.10	17.52	19.02
Kon Zen Chiao.. arr.	8 13	10.35	13.18	15.23	18.05	19.15

Auctions

Business and Official Notices

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Customs Notification.

No. 864.

CUSTOMS HOLIDAYS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Custom House will be closed and the shipment and delivery of cargo suspended on Friday, the 22nd December, 1916 (Winter Solstice Holiday), Monday, the 25th December, 1916 (Christmas Day), and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd January, 1917 (New Year Holidays).

J. H. W. HOUSTOUN.
for Commissioner of Customs
Custom House.
Shanghai, 18th December, 1916.

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A few

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OF CHINA
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Following works now in preparation:

1. The **NEW PLAN OF PEKING** with **ILLUSTRATED INDEX** (Guide Book) and **THE NEW MAP OF CHIHLI PROVINCE** which will be included.
2. **THE WHANGPOO RIVER, WHARF AND GODOWN PLAN,** which will be used in connection with a Block Book of individual wharf and godown plans, published in conjunction with this work.
3. The **NEW PLAN OF CANTON** with **ILLUSTRATED INDEX** (Guide Book) and **THE NEW MAP OF KWANGTUNG PROVINCE.**
4. **THE GREAT ATLAS OF CHINA** scale **ONE INCH TO A MILE,** compiled especially with the support of the members (Honorary) of the above Society.

Alma Estates, Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventh Annual General Meeting of shareholders of the above named Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 38 Canton Road, Shanghai, on Today, the 21st day of December, 1916, at 4.30 p.m. for presentation of the report of the Directors and Accounts to 30th September, 1916.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday 15th to Thursday, 21st December, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.
HUGO REISS AND CO.
Secretaries & General Managers.
Shanghai, 9th December, 1916.

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BE READY
THE END
OF THE WORLD
IS COMING!

Advt.

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On and from Friday, the 22nd December, 1916, until January 4th, 1917, inclusive, return tickets at fare and a half will be issued as shown below:—

Shanghai-Nanking Railway—First and Second Class between Shanghai North, Soochow, Wusih, Changchow, Chingkiang and Nanking.

Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway—First, Second & Third Class between Shanghai South; Sungkiang, Kashai, Kashing, Yeh Zah, Changan, Kon Zen Chiao and Hangchow.

First, Second and Third Class Through return tickets at fare and a half will be issued from or to the stations on either line above mentioned.

By Order,
The Traffic Manager.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

'Xmas Dance and Supper
at the
ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL
Saturday, December 23rd
Dancing from 10 to 12 p.m.
Supper at Midnight.
Dancing after Supper.
Dance and Supper, $3.00 person.

Fancy Dress Ball and Supper
Saturday, December 30th
Special Orchestra for dancing from 10 to 12 p.m. and during Supper
Prof. Papini's Orchestra will play for Dancing after Supper.
MASKS NOT PERMITTED
Dance and Supper, $3.00 person.
RESERVE SUPPER TABLES EARLY

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Customs Notification

No. 865

I have this day resumed charge of the Shanghai Customs.

F. S. UNWIN,
Commissioner of Customs.
Custom House.
Shanghai, 20th December, 1916.

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Shanghai Foreign Exchange Bankers' Association

THE Exchange Banks which are members of the above Association will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 25th and 26th December, on account of the Christmas Holidays.

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Amusement Advertising will be found on Page 9

Business and Official Notices are Continued on Page 8

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